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Dinner Chat

Anti-War Meeting In Brooklyn, N. Y.

AN ANTI-WAR mass meeting will be held at Columbus Club, 1 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, N. Y., Thursday evening, March 13, sponsored by the International Catholic Truth Society Anti-War Crusade.

Principal speakers are to be Rev. Dr. Edward Lodge Curran and Senator McNaboe of New York.

Mass for Peace

UNDER the auspices of the Philadelphia Social Justice Workers, a Peace High Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. John J. Braun, C. SS. R., in St. Peter's Church, Fifth and Gerard avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, March 29th, at 10 a. m.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Anglican Editor Calls for 'Christian Front'

A 'Christian Front' is urged by the *Church Times,* an Anglican publication in London, quoted in a recent issue of the *English Catholic Newsletter.*

Says the *Church Times:*

"There is no ambiguity about the Five Peace Points issued by the Pope shortly before Christmas, nor about the practical interpretation put upon them by his adherents in this country.

"The Christian common sense of the Pope's proposals — and no less of the five standards for judging economic proposals defined in the letter to *The Times,* signed by the English Archbishops, Cardinal Hinsley and the moderator of the Free Church Federal Council — should command the assent of every Christian.

"Nobody imagines that the co-operation called for in such proposals extends to the ostrich-like view too commonly held in this country, that religious differences make no real difference.

"The fact remains that, so long as our unhappy divisions continue, it is impossible for all Christians to unite in the highest form of prayer and worship at a common altar. What is possible is something different, and the bounds of possibility and impossibility need to be plainly defined.

"In the faith that, according to God's will, Christians are growing nearer to one another in a fuller understanding of the divine purpose for which the Church was instituted and of the common implications of the Gospel, they can draw from their several approaches to God a single inspiration for the better ordering of secular affairs.

"As a Roman Catholic correspondent states this week in our columns. 'the time for a Christian front is certainly ripe!'

"It is the duty of the Christian public to sustain the lead given by the Archbishops, the Cardinal and the moderator. There is room enough for co-operation in good works. Perhaps from this may grow, in God's mercy, a deeper unity of faith."

Doing Good Quietly

I have been buying my copy of SOCIAL JUSTICE from our neighborhood carrier ever since you have published this National Weekly, a Chicago correspondent writes.

"Naturally," he continues, "I accumulated quite a stock of reading matter that has helped to educate me in the matter of monetary reform, economics and Christian social justice.

"About one year ago, I tried to figure out how I could best dispose of them, and at the same time feel that the parties into whose hands they would go, would at least read them and accept these teachings.

"Not being a very good 'mixer,' and not possessing any selling *technique.* I felt it was quite impossible for me to distribute these back copies personally, to people, or to ask them outright to subscribe to this truly great magazine.

"So I tried in my small way to place these back numbers of SOCIAL JUSTICE into homes in our own community. Each week I would mail about five or ten of these back copies to various addresses in the neighborhood. I marked each 'Free Sample Copy,' folded them so I could wrap a slitted envelope around each copy, pasted the flap and then put on postage.

"Our SOCIAL JUSTICE carrier knows nothing of this method that I have been trying out; but when I ask him how SOCIAL JUSTICE is selling, he states that he picks up a new customer from time to time.

"I am in hopes that it has done some good. Do you think it has?"

We most certainly do.

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Sanctity of human rights preferred to sanctity of property with Government's chief concern for the poor.

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Pete's Chasin' Wild Stories; Have You Heard One, Too?

HYA, FOLKS:

Happy Saint Patrik's Day t' all o' yez 'n top uv th' foine marnin' 'n all —

Here's y'r ol' dog-ear'd Dane wunce more sayin' kongratchulashuns f'r th' promtnuss with which so menny thousan's uv ya sent in y'r renooals. Ya know what that mak's th' rest uv ya — it's up to y'all t' get busy.

' ' '

My big bruther Pal kinda went hi hat on me. He sent out wurd that he's 'n konferunce. Th' big sissy! Seems Pal's Boss jes' got back frum a littl' autto trip 'n Pal's about crazy with joy t' see 'im — ez if th' rest uv us wuzzunt too.

Jes' f'r that I'm gonna show up that big Black 'n White bruther uv mine. This departmunt's gonna hav' a kontest rite here 'n now.

I'm thinkin' uv offerin' a helpin' uv red-hart 'r sumthin' else uv valyoo f'r th' wildust yarn y've hurd 'r c'n think of about Pal's Boss.

Mind ya they'll hav' t' be pretty good f'r we've already hurd sum huneys ourselfs. The edditur jes gets mad 'n throws sumthin' at me if I'm aroun' 'r at sumbody else, I guess, if I'm not. But it seems t' me ya gotta be kool 'n sensabl' about it — so why not a kontest 'n sortta get it outa y'r sistum.

' ' '

Here's jes a few uv th' wild ones th' edditur's got takked up on his cussin' bord ez he kalls ut.

Father Coughlin's in prizzun, 'r in a konsentrashun kamp. That wun kum all th' way frum Yerup!

Annuther yarn sez Pal's Boss's Boss won't let him work — ez if there wuzzunt mor' t' be done than all uv 'em can do if they all work'd overtime!

'N annuther sez th' Joos — whatever that is — hav' bought SOCIAL JUSTICE 'n Father Coughlin don't hav' enything to say aroun' here eny more. Oh yea! (I don't think Dad 'n Mother Coughlin lik'd that one a littl' bit; ya see they own the magazeen 'n it ain't a bit polite t' say sumbuddy else does. I live at their house 'n tak' care uv things aroun' both th' house 'n th' offus and I oughta know. There's sum dandy teeth marks t' prove ut if ya reely wanta argumunt.)

Then, maybe too, you've hurd th' one about how Pal's Boss has quit workin' for th' church 'n is in sum othur kinda bizzness. Only they never say what kinda bizzness.

Ya heer that Father Coughlin does not write f'r SOCIAL JUSTICE but they never tell ya who does. Well, I do f'r one — dya wanta mak' sumthin' uv it?

' ' '

So go ahead 'n pick y'r choicest roomur 'r make up y'r own. I think I gotta dog-on good staff t' judge 'em too. There'd be Pal, who lives with th' Boss, 'n me who lives with Mother 'n Dad, and if we don't know the answers who does? Then there's *Lady,* I think she'd help 'n there's a dark-ey'd syrun at th' offus who's got a dog named *Napoleon* — boy, o boy, that's enuff!

Don't ya think it'd be a grate idee if we got all these dirty stories about Pal's Boss outa th' air — th' cleen Christyun air of this nice country — durin' Lent?

Th' staff jes' does not hav' time to answer all th' wild roomurs 'n stories. They do try t' stop th' most important wuns.

But th' point is y'r shure t' hear a lotta stuff frum time t' time n' this is our way uv tellin' ya again that it's all th' bunk! Don't believe all these stories.

Pal's Boss can't answer them 'cause he can't buy eny time on th' radio. Neither can you if ya want t' talk about peace!

But don't let these smeer stories worry you.

Father Coughlin is back frum his vakashun. He sed Mass at th' Shrine and spoke at all th' Masses last Sunday.

The peepul here at Royal Oak, and th' littl' children over at th' skool, know all these stories are the bunk.

Why let yourself be fooled?

Look aroun' a littl' bit. See who it is that starts these stories 'n spreads them? Catch on?

' ' '

N' wun more thing — my ol' sekatary's back. I saw her f'r jes' a minnut. She's tann'd ez a Gyp — well, tann'd enyway, 'n her blue eyes look bluer'n ever. Much ez I lik' th' shy gurl that's still a littl' afraid uv me, I know you'll be glad 's I am t' get back t' th' ol' skedule. She understan's me. What I meen t' say is we "click"!

S'long 'til then.

— Pete.

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Comment

Do Jews Want Christians to Abandon Lent?

Article Demands a Public Apology, Else '*The Jewish Review*' and Its Supporters Are Anti-Christian

WHAT is your judgment about those Catholic priests and Protestant ministers who gain publicity by having their pictures paraded along with Jews in the *National Conference of Christians and Jews* and similar organizations?

And of more importance, are those priests and ministers either sacrificing principle or playing with coals of fire in sponsoring such organizations with their presence?

We will not try to answer the question.

We will let *The Jewish Review* (Feb. 27, 1941, page 4) answer for us, despite the fact that its publisher, Albert M. Shulman, disclaims responsibility or any endorsement for the views expressed by writers in his paper.

The Jewish Review article referred to is titled *"The Tragic Implications of Lent."*

It was contributed by Rev. Karl M. Chworosky, a Flatbush Unitarian minister, who disbelieves in the divinity of Jesus Christ, as do the Jews.

The Rev. Chworosky says: "Ever since, more than thirty years ago, I had discovered the extent to which Anti-Semitism in its various forms had infested the Christian Church . . . I have been unable to repress a certain feeling of apprehension at the approach of the season of Lent. This apprehension became stronger in the past eight years, when under the courageous leadership of the *National Conference of Christians and Jews*, Brotherhood Sunday was gradually accepted as an annual American celebration . . ."

Although there is nothing definitely startling in the above paragraph, we are introduced — indirectly — to the *National Conference of Christians and Jews* — and, possibly, to one of its objectives, namely, to get rid of Lent!

Lest the reader thinks we are jumping at conclusions in saying that such is one of the objectives of the *National Conference of Christians and Jews* — an objective not publicized and not discussed to the innocent priests and ministers who lend the dignity of their calling to this Conference, as they consort with anti-Christians to the disparagement of the millions of Catholics and Protestants in America — let us quote further from *The Jewish Review*.

The article continues with these words:

"However, the very fact that such an organization in co-operation with prominent church-men from Catholic, Protestant and Jewish quarters can unite, a few days before Lent, Christians and Jews in a public demonstration of spiritual solidarity and good will cannot but raise in the minds of honest and intelligent people the question, 'and what about Lent?' Yes, indeed, what about Lent? It seems strange to me that so few of us, so few Christians participating in the annual observance of Brotherhood Sunday, should ask this question, for the answer leads straight and inevitably to 'the Tragic Implication of Lent.'"

* * *

So there are tragic implications of Lent, according to the author.

During the Lenten season, *The Jewish Review* article explains, "Hundreds of millions of Christians hear told and retold . . . the story of Calvary, the mighty Drama of Salvation and Redemption in which the hero is Jesus of Nazareth and the villain is the Jew, i. e., the Jewish people.

"We are told in Scripture-reading and homilies, in sermon and hymn, in prayer and gesture that Jesus was repudiated by his own people, that one of his own inner circle, the Jew Judas, betrayed him, that a court of Jewish ecclesiastical leaders condemned him and turned him over to the Roman governor to be crucified, that the pagan Pilate 'washed his hands' of the affair, and that the Jewish people shouted, 'his blood be upon us and upon our children!'

"With a hammering insistence we are told, it is taught in Sunday School and catechetical class, and elaborated in special Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, that according to the gospels the Jews rejected their Messiah, killed their appointed Redeemer, and in turn have been rejected by God who has punished them all these centuries by making them an outlaw people, wanderers upon the face of the earth, the accursed of God, whose salvation shall be accomplished only when they return penitent and converted, i. e., 'baptized,' to the bosom of Holy Church.

"All this is nothing new, it is accepted doctrine underlying the observance of Lent in all orthodox and conservative churches; and let us not forget, the vast majority of the churches are still 'orthodox and conservative' in doctrine and practice."

Well and good.

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Without commenting upon the author's analysis of Lent and its observance, let us pass quickly to note his suggestions; to note the objective he has in mind for the *National Conference of Christians and Jews.*

He says:

"I am not implying that the usual observance of Lent is accompanied by any obvious and literal expressions of Anti-Semitism; but I do declare it to be a fact that the fundamental dogmas of the church emphasized during these days of Lent cannot but rehearse the alleged 'truths' just mentioned. To the majority of Christians these teachings are *'truths'* to be believed and to be translated into practice; this is the 'line' of Lent, and there can be no doubt as to the spiritual and emotional influence such preaching and teaching must have upon the minds of the Christian masses, when for more than four weeks they are subjected to a highly organized and cleverly planned 'propaganda of Salvation,' and all — at the expense of the Jew."

In the above quotation the *Jewish Review* article impugns the truths associated by Christians — Catholics and Protestants alike — with the Lenten season.

They are "truths" passed out to the Christian masses who are subjected to a highly organized and cleverly planned "propaganda of Salvation" (so says *The Jewish Review* article) at the expense of the Jew.

The implication is clear. In the precision of logic, Christ and the truths associated with Him *must be abandoned to save the Jew!*

It is a clear case of *"Give us Barabbas! Crucify Christ!"*

* * *

Furthermore, the poor Jew, through his ancestors, is not guilty of having crucified Christ, according to *The Jewish Review* article.

Indeed, the author of the article says as much.

Here are his words:

"What all this means to the Jew? After having had the hand of brotherhood extended to him during Brotherhood Week, after having heard himself referred to as a Brother in the sight of God, as one who

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should by every divine and human right be permitted to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, especially the supreme right of conscience in matters of religion, he now suddenly hears himself referred to again in the ancient terms of 'Christ-killer,' apostate,' 'unbeliever,' 'stubborn heretic' and the like; *he sees the churches flaunting the symbols of his alleged 'guilt' and shame as the betrayer and murderer of the Son of God,* and with bowed head he realizes that there can *be no Brotherhood between Jew and Christian as long as this spirit of Lent prevails.*

"Lent frankly put this alternative to the Jew; "either you continue as the pariah among the nations, the outcast of God, or you surrender your cultural and spiritual heritage by accepting baptism and membership in the church, and even in that case we cannot assure you security and peace; in other words, Lent asks the Jew to commit spiritual and cultural hari-kari, or to ——"

The *Jewish Review* article says there can be no brotherhood between Christian and Jew as long as "the spirit of Lent prevails."

How do those priests and ministers who associate in Brotherhood Week digest the above expression?

Some of them were notorious for having occupied places on public platforms in castigating Father Coughlin in the days when he warned against the C.I.O. radical leadership, the *Neutrality Bill,* the *Court-packing Bill, the Reorganization Bill* and the war policies of our present administration.

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The *Jewish Review* article concludes with these paragraphs:

"Thus Lent revives the ancient pattern of prejudice and suspicion under which the Jew has become history's Man of Sorrows; and coming after a week of wordy assurances of tolerance and good will, we must add to these implications of Lent those of hypocrisy and duplicity; and surely this strange spectacle must sear the consciences of some of us with the searching question, 'How can we greet the Jew as brother one day and denounce him as traitor and enemy the next? How can we on Brotherhood Sunday embrace him and the next day stigmatize him in terms of a theology which for centuries has developed a definitely anti-Jewish bias?'

"This, then, is in part what I mean by the 'tragic implications of Lent.' Is there nothing we can do about it?

"If anything is to be done towards eliminating these tragic implications of Lent, the first step will have to be taken by the Christian and it will have to be a brave and radical step.

"I believe that a new day will dawn for Brotherhood when Lent has become for Christians everywhere not a 'Passion Play,' with the Jew the villain of the piece, but a season of renewal and rebirth in spirit and in truth, a celebration of the renascence and Spring-time of the soul when Love and Faith rise victorious over the forces of darkness and evil and the sun of truth brings forth the fruits of righteousness, justice and peace."

On reading this anti-Christian effrontery, one suspects that the *National Conference of Christians and Jews* is motivated by the thought of establishing a universal brotherhood based upon materialism and divorced from Jesus Christ Who was crucified by the Jews according to our Scriptures.

* * *

No animosity is entertained towards any individual Jew.

But absolute opposition is entertained against those who are endeavoring *to Judaize the world* by nullifying the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ; by denying His divinity; and by contradicting the historical facts related to the betrayal of the real Man of Sorrows by the Jewish people.

Christians throughout America fear not so much the Jews as they do some of their own ecclesiastics who are playing with fire, preferring so-called diplomacy and prudence to courage and apostolic forthrightness.

In conclusion, we recall what Father Coughlin wrote and broadcast relative to the part played by the Jews in the Russian-Bolshevik revolutions.

Here it is:

In a book printed by the United States Government Printing Office entitled *"Foreign Relations of the United States, 1918, Russia — Volume I,"* page 678, we quote from a sub-enclosure a portion of a report sent by the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Balfour) to the American Ambassador (Page) No. 162839/W/38, the following statement:

". . . I wonder that the immediate suppression of Bolshevism is the greatest issue now before the world, not even excluding the war which is still raging, and unless as above stated Bolshevism is nipped in the bud immediately it is bound to spread in one form or another over Europe and the whole world as it is organized and worked by Jews who have no nationality, and whose one object is to destroy for their own ends the existing order of things. The only manner in which this danger could be averted would be collective action on the part of all powers."

The above quotation is taken from an official document published by the United States Government in the book referred to above.

And this commentator has this book in his hand as he dictates its contents for your perusal.

The time has come for America not to be worried over anti-Semitism but to be worried over anti-Christianity, together with uninformed or misinformed ecclesiastics who are helping to nurture it.

The *Jewish Review* article referred to in this comment shows the hand of the perpetrators of anti-Christianity more clearly than any article which has fallen under our observation during the past several years.

What are the Christians, ecclesiastics and laity, going to do about it?

Will they continue believing in anti-Semitism and supporting the *National Conference of Christians and Jews,* or will they awaken to the necessity of combatting anti-Christianity and of establishing a National Conference of Fearless Christians?

80-Million Americans on Five-Cent Meals

THE FAMILIES of 80-million Americans have monthly incomes of $69, or less!

Such an income permits the expenditure of $1 per person per week for food!

That is 5 cents per meal per person.

This is not our finding.

Milo Perkins, of the United States Department of Agriculture, makes the statement in his annual report for 1940 on matters that concern the distribution of "surplus" commodities.

Mr. Perkins testified last week before the House Appropriations Committee, as an Administration spokesman, in reporting to Congress a bill appropriating $891-million for the 1942 farm program.

He urged the extension of the Government's stamp program for giving away surplus farm products to the poor through the issuance of orange and blue stamps.

He stated:

"My own judgment is that, *since we are likely to hit an economic crack-up somewhere in the 1940's,* we need to work toward extending the stamp program to every county in America. It would be national insurance against hunger as well as against low prices for commodities used largely here at home.

"Congress is making every provision for the national defense and it is just as necessary, and just as much an element of national defense, to protect the farm population of the country from the economic ruin which may come from the post-war adjustment as it is to provide the requisite arms and munitions for the physical defense of the nation."

With the present system of stamps for food for the poor, the average dole for families on relief is advanced to about 7½ cents per meal.

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The same day that Milo Perkins was testifying, Preston Delano, Comptroller of the United States Currency, stated that American national bank deposits had reached the all-time high of $35,852,-424,000.

Now here is why 80-million Americans are living on 5-cent meals.

There is only $8½-billion in currency in existence.

The difference between this *actual currency* and the $35-billion reported *on deposit* is fictitious, "fountain-pen money"— as Father Coughlin has so often called it — created and controlled by the Federal Reserve monopoly.

It is nothing more than *bookkeeping entries on the records of banks throughout the country.*

Instead of increasing the supply of spendable currency — the very life-blood of the nation — the Government prefers to dole out food stamps to the poor, merely to keep them from revolting and from actual starvation.

These stamps keep the people pacified, temporarily, and the people — not seeing through the "racket" that keeps them in financial chains — vote for the Government that throws them a stony crust of bread instead of giving them real economic liberty.

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Who's a 'Quisling'?

Congress to Be Asked to Investigate Ickes

THE HON. Harold Ickes, President Roosevelt's Secretary of Interior, is about to be "investigated" by Congress.

The demand is voiced in both the Oregon and Washington state legislatures.

The Interior Secretary is charged with being a "power czar" who arbitrarily can favor huge monopolies — like the Mellon aluminum trust — and withhold vital power from public utilities.

Mr. Ickes, who has been going about the country calling respectable patriotic Americans "Quislings," is himself on the "business end" of a power scandal that smells clear across the country!

It is a brew pot of trouble for "Honest Harold" that reminds newspaper readers of the "tempest in a teapot (dome)" that wrecked the Harding administration.

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On March 22nd, Grand Coulee Dam, which is part of the Columbia Basin Project along with the Bonneville dam in the Pacific Northwest, will start producing its first electric power.

With appropriate fanfare, somebody in Washington, D. C., will press a button, which will signal an engineer sitting at a control panel to start the power works.

But behind this innocent action, lies a story of high finance operating behind the mask of Government authority in the person of Interior Secretary Ickes.

The Grand Coulee was started in 1934. It is said to be the biggest dam structure ever built by man, and is a monument to the engineering genius of Henry J. Kaiser, who also helped to build Boulder Dam.

The story of this huge dam is in some ways a historical parallel with that of Ferdinand De Lesseps, who engineered the Suez Canal, only to have his achievement nullified by the Rothschilds, who used it — and still do — for private gain and financial exploitation.

Today, the hand of the financier is equally evident as it grasps the lion's share of power to be produced by the Grand Coulee Dam for enormous profits.

Behind the facade of "national defense" is the simple fact that you can't have airplanes unless you have aluminum, and you cannot manufacture aluminum unless you have a lot of power.

Now, aluminum throughout the United States, and the whole of North America for that matter, means the Mellon interests, who own the Aluminum Company of America and also of Canada, the former contracted into *"Alcoa."*

The Aluminum Company of America has built a tremendous plant at Vancouver, Washington, to make the first aluminum ever produced west of the Mississippi River. It has an estimated capacity of 150-million pounds a year — enough to make 1,500 heavy Army bombers. This plant will also be the source of sodium chlorate, necessary for electrolytic steel, carbides, alloys and the like.

You must have power to make aluminum. A franchise or right to utilize the power from an engineering project the size of Grand Coulee Dam is basic and permits the *Alcoa* to be in on the ground floor.

The situation reminds the reader of the giant monopoly that the Mellons, the Shoelkops, the Bradys, the Bonbrights and the Drexels formed when they consolidated the power interests and utilities of virtually the entire Atlantic seaboard.

The same sort of thing is being repeated now on the West Coast, with the Mellons using the noisy Cabinet orator for their "front."

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Electricity needs no barns or elevators to store it, like corn and wheat; it is a mysterious energy that can be generated from water power.

SOCIAL JUSTICE in its well known statement of principles for a sound nation says:

"We believe in *nationalizing those public resources which by their very nature are too important to be held in the control of private individuals.*"

But we do not believe in the Government building gigantic power projects, like the Grand Coulee. Boulder or T.V.A., only to have a few powerful private corporations and individuals obtain the benefits, deny an equal "break" to the public utilities, and then charge the ultimate consumers power and lighting rates that are exhorbitant, due to their "smart" monopoly.

Censorship

THEODORE C. ALFORD, Washington correspondent for the *Kansas City Star,* reports that Washington newspaper men are showing much anxiety over the prospect of newspaper and radio censorship.

"One of the causes of concern," he writes his paper, "is that whatever controls are put in effect *will be directed behind the scenes,* probably by persons unfriendly to the press.

"Radio already is under a voluntary control by reason of an existing system of Federal licensing," he writes.

"Under a strongly individualistic President, the country has reason to be interested in the form of controls that may be placed on the dissemination of military and other Governmental information. The more controls put in effect, the less the public will be permitted to know concerning national defense and the war . . .

"Censorship in time of war is to be expected. But the public properly may inquire whether they desire controlled news and Government propaganda to be continued on the return of peace . . .

"Personal government and strong personal leadership in government rarely have permitted an entirely free press, either in peace or war."

This seems to be the situation at Grand Coulee — and apparently the public of the great Northwest knows it.

Many of the public utilities in the Northwest have not built any additional generating facilities since the huge Bonneville and Grand Coulee projects were started, assuming that they would be able to purchase a share of the vast power source.

Today, they find they are at the mercy of Harold Ickes, who, according to the legislators, "sees to it that *Alcoa* is taken care of while the rest can go fish!"

Today, Mr. Ickes is a virtual power czar by reason of his Cabinet position as Secretary of the Interior. He can authorize contracts for Government power with favored concerns; or he can withhold that same Government power from others, although the people are expected to pay for it.

State Senator Thomas Mahoney of Oregon charged: "I have information in my possession indicating that Secretary Ickes *is negating the intent of the law creating the Bonneville Administration.*"

It seems that the capacity of the completed portions of the Bonneville project is some 200,000 kilowatts, whereas the Bonneville Administration already has contracted to sell Alcoa (Mellon monopoly), 157,000; Reynolds Metals Company, 40,000; and only some 20,000 to the utilities.

The law, it is pointed out, expressly reserves 50 per cent of the completed capacity for utilities.

Mr. Ickes explains, according to the *New York Times,* that he had *refused to sell Alcoa all they asked for.*

To which the *Portland Oregonian* replies editorially:

"If the letter of the law *(Bonneville Administration Law)* forbids contracting in excess of 50 per cent installed capacity, then the letter of *the law already has been violated!*"

And the *Chicago Daily Tribune* adds:

"Lawmakers backing Mahoney said that Secretary Ickes has, in fact, reserved no power whatever for publicly owned agencies, on the basis of the foregoing figures given out by the Bonneville Administration itself. They charge that not only has he ignored the law, but that in the same statement in which he announced that he could not legally give *Alcoa* more power, he also said he had just signed up with the Reynolds Metal Company . . .

"Failure to make such public agency reservations also is to be considered soon at a meeting of the *Pacific Northwest Public Ownership Cities,* an organization of managers of such municipal plants as those in Tacoma, Seattle, Aberdeen, Centralia, and others in Washington and other similar plants in Oregon.

"These towns, normally favoring public ownership, organized among other reasons to resist efforts of the Bonneville Administration to include, in wholesale power contracts, clauses giving Bonneville the right to fix the cities' respective retail rates. They regard this policy as dictatorial on the part of Secretary Ickes, and are further out of sympathy with him for reserving no power for their current needs."

Let's not let name-calling, like "Quisling" or "Honest Harold," deceive us.

By all means let Congress investigate this gigantic power racket.

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No More Pussyfooting!

DOES anybody think for a moment that the notorious *Lease-Lend Bill* would have had any 2 to 1 walkaway in the Senate in brazen defiance of the American people's expressed will—if Father Coughlin were on the air last Sunday, and next Sunday, to blast away at the war makers?

Do you think these "join-the-British-Empire" rallies would be carried on with such traitorous effrontery, if the Radio Priest were calling the nation's attention to the activity of these "Quislings" in his weekly broadcasts?

Do you think that "diplomatic" and uncertain Christians would now be cringing and compromising with their Christian faith, in order to "appease" a little *clique* of non-Christian Americans, if the Voice from Royal Oak was on the air waves Sunday after Sunday?

You know the answer to that as well as we.

And in that answer *you know why Father Coughlin is not on the air.*

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Let's quit kidding ourselves.

There *is* an anti-Coughlin persecution going on in this country—in spite of the fact that our beloved leader is barred from the air by a privately-controlled radio monopoly, and conducts himself in every way as an obedient Christian priest.

The people who are trying to put this country into Britain's war by subterfuge are still afraid of Father Coughlin, silent though he is.

The American people are for peace. They are against war. Specifically, they are opposed to the sort of self-sacrificing aid-to-Britain proposed in the *Lease-Lend Bill.*

Politicians in Washington know this, and they are trembling in their shoes for fear that they already may have committed this nation to actions which the people will not stand for.

Fortunately for you, the British-aiders are still afraid of the American people.

If the people were not such "saps," the internationalists would stop trying, every twenty years, to put their tricky commercial wars over on you.

They honestly thought that the World War of 1914-18 would have to be the last one; but they found that, just perhaps, it would work once more.

No wonder their puppets in high places, in Government—and elsewhere—are desperate to silence Father Coughlin and any other American patriot courageous enough to speak out for peace!

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The internationalists will not hesitate to use any means—from their private control of the radio monopoly to mortgage pressure on Christian churches—to silence the voice of militant Christianity.

"Pious essays" will be tolerated—for the time being—but *practical* Christianity, with a "bite" in it—a crusading and militant Christianity that challenges Satan's rulership of this world; that promises to free men and women from slavery to their economic masters; and that defies an international plunderbund to hurl Christian soldiers into bloody profit wars every new generation—this kind of a "*John-the-Baptist*" *Christianity* is shackled.

And it is shackled as much by the "prudence" of Christian cowardice as by any organized opposition to Christianity.

So now, as is noted in another column of SOCIAL JUSTICE this week, the attack upon our Christian way of life grows even bolder.

It is proposed that American Christians should abolish their observance of Lent, because the re-telling of the story of Christ's crucifixion is offensive to non-Christians, especially to the Jews.

Because we dare to say so, SOCIAL JUSTICE will probably be called "anti-Semitic" again.

Because we have said that Father Coughlin's critics, and the war-mongers, are given free rein; while his defenders, and the proponents of Christian peace, are silenced, some may even call us "anti-clerical."

But we are through with pussyfooting.

SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine is going to speak out.

We are going to continue—positively—to be pro-Christ and pro-America, come what may.

We are going to continue to tell the truth, as God gives us the grace to see it and the strength to tell it.

Let the tricksters, and the cowards—in high places or low—take notice, here and now!

'America First' Committee Stymied

THE *"America First"* Committee, which is opposed to the *Lend-Lease Bill,* and which favors helping America before we undertake to help Great Britain, has been stymied.

Its officers attempted to rent radio time to combat propaganda which, eventually, is aimed at taking down the Stars and Stripes and putting up the Union Jack in the place of Old Glory.

They failed to get the time.

Columnists Pearson and Allen, in their syndicated "Merry-Go-Round" (Mar. 6), comment as follows:

"In its hectic, last-minute efforts to block passage of the *Lend-Lease Bill,* the America First Committee crashed head-on into the same obstacle that silenced the radio voice of Father Coughlin—the National Association of Broadcasters Code.

"There was no publicity about it, the big radio stations have quietly been refusing to broadcast recordings of speechs by isolationist leaders, which the Committee has been sending out, on the ground that their use conflicts with the code . . .

"Big radio stations now broadcast so much 'deadhead' national defense material—Army and Navy recruiting drives, special Army camp programs, speeches by defense officials, and so on—that they can't afford much additional free time for long-winded debates on aid to Britain."

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You can't rent radio time in this country to preach against Communism, international Socialism, or all-aid-for-Britain.

But a plenitude of time will be handed to you on a silver salver if you promise to wave the Union Jack and kiss the bloody jowls of the British Lion!

Ten years hence, when all this hypocrisy, frenzy, political mania and war-mongering will have subsided, those who are being trampled on today will not forget the National Association of Broadcasters, the pussyfooters, the pro-Britishers, etc., etc., any more than an awakened America forgets the broken promises of Woodrow Wilson.

Secretary Stimson—10 Years Ago

TEN YEARS ago March 5th, Henry Stimson, our present Secretary of War, was Secretary of State under the then *de facto* Government of the United States.

Ten years ago, France and Italy signed a naval agreement related to the limitation of armaments.

Ten years ago, Mr. Stimson hailed the Franco-Italian naval agreement as eliminating *the last obstacle to world disarmament.*

Ten years ago, Stimson was as wrong as wrong could be.

And today, his pronouncements are no more correct than they were ten years ago.

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Story Behind the Strikes

Red Agents of Nazis Tie Up Defense Plants

As THESE lines are being written, work in 25 industries essential to national defense has been halted by strikes. These strikes cost America and the taxpayers, millions of dollars in delay, lost work hours and destruction of materials.

Many of the strikes were called by Communist and radical leaders in the C.I.O. unions.

The majority of workers were not in sympathy with these strikes and in some cases violently opposed the strikers.

The Dies Committee and the F.B.I. might profitably investigate the racketeers, profiteers, saboteurs, foreign agents and alien radicals who control the labor unions, and who jeopardize unionism and capitalism, together with national defense and democracy.

The A. F. of L. has not purged its unions of racketeers and profiteers who use the union to enrich and to empower themselves at the expense of the worker, the industrialist and the American taxpayer.

Union racketeers have called strikes in essential industries to shake down industrialists, not for increased wages to the workers but for wealth and power for themselves.

The C.I.O. has not liquidated the Commu-Nazi radicals who operate as union leaders and organizers. These radicals have called strikes in industries essential to defense to forge about industry the bands of C.I.O.-Communist unionism.

Even Attorney General Jackson admitted candidly that the Vultee Aircraft strike was called by Communist leaders in the U.A.W. who apparently had work delay and sabotage as their only purpose.

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Some suspect that Defense Labor Czar Sidney Hillman is passively, if not actively, encouraging strife in order to condition the nation for another manufactured emergency under which the Government would be "forced" to conscript all labor, thus advancing another notch toward complete totalitarianism.

The Office of Production Management and the War Department, however, have been successful in a few instances of exerting Government pressure to end work stoppages.

SOCIAL JUSTICE holds no brief for industrialists who are reaping profits from defense contracts but refuse to raise present low wages because of the "danger of inflation."

That is a specious argument. And while we look with suspicion on the activities of certain Marxist C.I.O. leaders, we also maintain that profiteers exploiting labor are merely playing into the Red disciples' hands by providing them ground for agitation.

Of a different stripe are strikes instigated by union leaders bent on locking out competing unions or non-union workers.

Such leaders are, in effect, arrogating to themselves the right to determine who shall be able to work for a living.

For example, at Gary, Indiana, a mob of 1,000 C.I.O. men installed themselves in front of a tin mill and refused to allow non-union or union workers delinquent in their dues to enter the plant.

At Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, American Federation of Labor workmen were called out on strike simply because four C.I.O. electricians were being employed. Justifiably, the War Department at length ordered the C.I.O. workers to continue their jobs.

On three other defense projects jurisdictional disputes between two A.F.L. unions — roofers and carpenters — halted work. The Office of Production Management intervened and construction was renewed.

Through O.P.M.'s efforts the two-day walkout at Bethlehem Steel's Lackawanna plant, which threatened to spread nation-wide, was nipped. The C.I.O. claimed bargaining rights, alleging that it represented a majority of workers despite the fact that no election had been held to determine that claim.

Inasmuch as that situation, coupled with jurisdictional disputes, are prevalent in many of the strike cases, it seems essential to national welfare that they be handled with firmness.

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Mr. William S. Knudsen's proposal for a "cooling off" period before a strike could be called should have been received with more enthusiasm, for if the perils facing America are as great as pictured by President Roosevelt, certainly not one moment of defense preparation can be lost.

Yet, according to an estimate by Representative Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, 850,000 man-days of labor in defense plants were lost because of strikes last month. Approximately 38,000 employes, working on $210-million of arms contracts, are now on strike.

Thus, A.F.L. President William Green's plea that Congress not pass any restrictive labor legislation may conceivably fall on deaf ears.

Caught between the Communists on one side and racketeers on the other, America and its workers soon must act in self-defense.

The "rights of labor," piously championed by unscrupulous leaders, must not be confused with the "rights of racketeers."

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Were the problem of dealing with this question left to Thurman Arnold, chief of the Justice Department's Anti-Trust Division, racketeers would be stripped of their present inordinate powers.

But he is handcuffed by the New Deal Supreme Court ruling in the recent Hutcheson case. Arnold has made no secret of his disagreement with the Court's interpretation of anti-trust laws—an interpretation which grants immunity to the racketeers.

Forced by the High Court's opinion to abandon prosecution of the International Longshoremen's Association, Arnold declared:

"The Longshoremen's case is an example of union warfare being carried on at the expense of the public and labor itself.

"The indictment in this case disclosed a situation in which common laborers were forced into a union which holds no elections and over which they have no control. This was followed by jurisdictional warfare against another union organized under a C.I.O. charter which threatened to crush small lumber yards."

Arnold asserted that the A.F.L. union was organized by 10 men, none of whom were retail lumber workers They secured contracts with an association of lumber dealers, then forced other employes of the association members to join the union. Other unions offering greater benefits to the workers were driven from the field.

Retail lumber dealers, refusing to cooperate with the A.F.L. organization, were boycotted by that group and those dealing with it were boycotted by competing unions.

Nevertheless, under the Supreme Court's recent decision in the Hutcheson case, there is no remedy at law, even though, said Arnold, "Interstate Commerce is restrained and the property rights and security of the employers caught between the warring unions are discouraged."

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The Administration now realizes that it can no longer logically make appropriations and plan for national defense while at the same time it supports and tolerates wildcat strikes, slow downs and wilful destruction in defense industries. The Administration is now prepared to settle strikes dictatorially and finally through a special labor board established for the purpose by the Defense Commission.

Congress is prepared to ask the Chief Executive to proclaim that henceforth all strikes in defense industries will be settled by a Government board and its decisions are supreme, irrevocable, final and cannot be appealed.

The Labor Relations Board will function merely as a subsidiary board enabled to decide matters pertaining only to non-defense industries.

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America has learned the lesson of the collapse of France.

French radical and Communist labor leaders sabotaged France's defense by inaugurating a program of slow-down, sit-down and stop-work strikes. In the year 1938-39 France had a veritable epidemic of strikes in heavy industry — munitions, aircraft, armament, automotive, steel, coal and ore.

France was not prepared for war. The French *poilus* had obsolete guns, cannons and machine guns, little mechanized equipment, no new planes and no reserves.

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U. S. Buys Ships

PURCHASE by the War Department of the Cuban liner *Orizaba* brings to 12 the number of passenger and freight ships acquired within the last few months for conversion as troop transports.

The Navy Department also has been active in securing private vessels for the same purpose.

What the American public would like to have the Administration explain is the necessity *for troop transports* if the President intends to fulfill his campaign promise to keep Americans out of foreign wars.

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France was defeated.

Since the collapse, it has become evident that many French labor leaders were in the employ of Soviet Russia. They acted as agents for Germany in undermining defense by sabotaging France's industries.

Many of the French labor leaders were paid off by Communist agents with German money forwarded to French Communist headquarters by Herr Abetz, present German ambassador to Occupied France and recognized leader of French Communists.

Abetz has boasted that Germany's money expended in sabotaging France's industry *was better spent than the money used in equipping Germany's famed panzer divisions.*

France's collapse was achieved by German money doled out to French Communist union leaders by Russian agents.

America has had more strikes and threats of strikes in defense industries in 1940-41 than France had in the equivalent period 1938-39.

The radical labor leaders of America have followed closely the *technique* of radical labor leaders in France, from sit-down strikes to wholesale sabotage.

In fact, there has been close collaboration between radical labor leaders of all democratic nations — a collaboration *that borders on international Communist conspiracy.*

We're Suckers for Tin and Rubber

AS PREVIOUSLY pointed out in these comments, two imported raw materials, essential for national defense, cause the United States of America special concern: they are rubber and tin.

For both we are dependent upon monopolies controlled by a foreign empire. Of both essentials we might have had an adequate supply under our own control — if only Americans had been as alert to their own interests as, for example, Britishers are in profits for their own empire.

Up until half a century ago, 98 per cent of the world's rubber supply came from the Western Hemisphere, particularly from neighboring Brazil.

Today, less than 3 per cent of the world's rubber can be obtained in America.

The world's supply of rubber is now furnished almost entirely by the East Indies.

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In 1928, a wealthy Englishman, Sir Henry Wickham, died in London. He was personally responsible for this revolutionary shift in the world's rubber supply, away from our hemisphere to the control of a private British monopoly.

The British did not want to be dependent upon South America for their rubber supply; especially since our *Monroe Doctrine* precluded Britain from seizing South American territories for enslavement under the empire.

The rubber tree, *Hevea Brasiliensis,* was grown only in Brazil and the Brazilian government had forbidden the export of any of the trees. The Brazilians were not silly; they did not want to lose their profitable monopoly of the world's rubber supply.

An English forestry expert and officer, who had considerable experience with rubber plants and plantations, wrote a book entitled, *"A Journey Through the Wilderness,"* which called attention to the rubber situation.

As a result of this publication, the British India Office employed the author to collect seeds of the *Hevea Brasiliensis.* So he chartered a boat and made another voyage to South America.

Disguised as an "explorer," Wickham sailed up and down the mamouth Amazon. Finally, he managed to smuggle some 70,000 rubber seeds out of Brazil, despite the vigilance of the government.

Wickham returned hurriedly to England, and in glass houses of Kew Gardens he grew the first rubber plants on European soil. The experimenter lost many plants, but finally succeeded in raising 2,800 tiny rubber plants.

The British India Company brought these plants to southeast Asia and they became the parent plantation of the many now thriving in Asia's vast archipelago.

Wickham was handsomely rewarded for his *service to Britain* — a subversive robbery of the Brazilian government! In 1911, he received a liberal annuity from the British Rubber Growers Association in London. He was given lucrative posts in the British government; and, in 1920, he was knighted.

In the meantime, he reaped enormous personal profits from his deed.

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Before Wickham's stolen seeds, grown in Kew Gardens, could be tapped into the ground in British Malaysia, the whole Middle East had a rubber output of only 821 tons. In the same year, 1900, Brazil produced 26,323 tons.

About four decades later, the Middle East produced 1,106,717 tons; while Brazil's production had been reduced to 15,576 tons!

Even in 1907 — some 30 years after Wickham's strategy — only 5 per cent of the world's rubber came from British territory. But the Brazilians exploited their rubber trees relentlessly, while the British planters carefully nurtured their plants. The Asiatic plants proved hardier and grew much older than the Brazilian plants.

At the time of the World War, the Asiatic plantations produced 50 per cent of the world's rubber supply and that production has increased until, at present, the East Indies supply 97 per cent of the world's rubber.

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The United States imports from Malaysia and the East Indies almost 600,000 tons of rubber annually. Facilities for the manufacture of synthetic rubber can satisfy only 15 per cent of America's normal peacetime needs.

Brazil, with its new plantations, can supply as yet only an infinitestimal amount.

Thus, America is absolutely dependent upon the Far East for our rubber. The world's rubber supply now is grown in the archipelago between southeastern Asia and Australia.

Britain's monopoly of the world's rubber supply was aided by America's willingness to depend on far-off British territories instead of concentrating on the development of rubber plantations in South America.

American industrialists, like Henry Ford and the late Harvey Firestone, working independently, have had remarkable success in raising rubber plants on South American plantations.

But it is hopeless, for many, many years, at least, to expect the world's rubber source to return to this hemisphere.

Tin Also an Import

ABOUT 60 per cent of the world's tin comes from the same group of islands owned by the British and the Dutch.

According to figures of the Department of Commerce, 83.3 per cent of the tin used in the United States — the world's heaviest consumer — comes from the British and Dutch East Indies.

Another 10 per cent is imported from England, where the tin from South America is smelted and refined.

In recent weeks, the United States Government has planned for the erection of tin smelters in America, but the "plan" is far from realization.

Even when the plan is realized, the Bolivian mines of the Patino combine cannot supply the need.

Here again, Americans have permitted the "slow-witted" British to establish a controlling monopoly.

Even tin mined in South America must be shipped to England where it is smelted and refined, *and then shipped back to the Americas where it was originally mined!*

America's tin, also, must be carried from the Orient to England for refining and thence back across the Atlantic to America. Think of the profit to British-owned shipping and refineries!

War in both oceans will create a shortage of essential tin in America and, consequently, our whole national defense would be jeopardized.

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The annual world consumption of tin is between 180,000 and 200,000 tons, the origin of which is as follows: Malacca, British East Indies, 77,500 tons; Dutch East Indies, 39,800 tons; Bolivia, 25,000 tons; Thailand 16,400 tons and Nigeria, China and Belgian Congo about 10,000 tons each.

The United States alone consumes far more than Bolivia's production.

The British have mined tin on the Peninsula of Malacca for a long time. The Dutch production of tin in the Malayan Archipelago is comparatively recent, dating to 1850. Before that time, the Dutch had no interest in tin — in fact, the Dutch didn't know that there was tin on the islands.

When tin prices soared, the Dutch scientifically mined tin in old native workings.

Discovery of tin in the Malay peninsula was accidental. The palace of a Malayan prince was burned in 1710 and when the debris was cleared away the people found numerous grains of tin. Chinese workers who had seen tin mining in Malacca decided that the fire had melted the tin in the ground and it had flowed to the surface. They then investigated and discovered the ore deposits.

America may have to invent some substitute for tin — as Germany has — in order to satisfy requirements for national defense. But America must also corner the tin supply of Bolivia and erect tin smelters in America for the processing of this tin.

Thus, America can break a world monopoly of an essential war material.

If Britain's monopoly of tin and rubber is ever destroyed; a prime cause for war, and the profits from war, will be eliminated.

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Red Diplomats Make a Deal

Will Soviet Russia Take Sweden Next?

THE United States of America is courting Red Russia's favor *in order to preserve the British empire in the Far East,* and thus to carry out the commitments of the Anglo-American-Australian agreement, *but not to win Soviet Russia's alliance in the European war.*

This salient thought is lost sight of in the muddle of Red Russia's meddling in European affairs.

Americans generally know of Red Russia's betrayals in Europe: the Commu-Nazi pact, the partitioning of Poland, the war against brave little Finland, the occupation of the Baltic nations, and the sell-out of Czechoslovakia, France, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Turkey, *but not so much about the imminent invasion of Sweden.*

And, too, Americans understand little or nothing about the Soviet's treachery in the Far East—a treachery which, almost inescapably, must involve the United States in a disastrous war.

A united China — her internal factions postponing the settlement of their differences until after the war, and standing together in a national effort to drive out both Russian and Japanese invaders—is of greatest importance to the maintenance of any *status quo* in the Far East.

Periodically, for at least twenty years, whenever China has been about to achieve some effective unity, the Russian Comintern has ordered Chinese Communists to press for the sovietization of China.

Thus, Chinese Communists have covered up every Russian move, from the invasion of Mongolia to the recent Russo-Japanese agreement.

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Lately, there has been a serious breach between Chiang Kai Shek's government and two Chinese Communist armies, hitherto supporting the Nationalist administration in its war effort.

The quarrel turns upon two Communist demands.

The Eighth Route Army asked to be transferred from its present field of operations in the impoverished and devastated Northwestern Provinces to the richer and more populous Yangtze Valley; arguing that it could "fight the Japanese" more effectively in South China.

The Fourth Route Army demanded an immediate national convention with a view to broadening the basis of government, with a "more equitable distribution of power and positions" to Chinese Communists.

Under ordinary conditions of peace and order, as these things are understood in China, the Chinese Nationalists might have granted the requests of the Communist armies. But the Nationalists rejected the demands, because they were justly suspicious of Communist plans, schemes and moves.

In the present disorganized state of Chinese communications, the Communists could have monopolized the proposed convention and packed it to their liking before the Kuomingtang could even send delegates to the meeting.

If the Communist Eighth Army occupied the Yangtze, a Chinese victory would leave Chinese Communist forces in possession of the country's richest provinces. This would hardly be acceptable to the Nationalists; unless they could get the assurance of the Communists that their loyalty and allegiance to Chiang Kai Shek would come ahead of devotion and subservience to Stalin.

Chiang does not wish to exchange Japanese occupation for Russian control. Moreover, the Nationalists had to reckon with an unknown Russo-Japanese agreement which supposedly partitioned China into spheres of Russian and Japanese activity and betrayed China to Communists and militarists alike.

Thus, in the Far East as in the West, the shadow of Stalin dimmed the prospects of establishing any just and honorable peace.

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On January 27, 1941, Tass, official Soviet news agency, reported that the dissolution of the Chinese Communist armies was directed against all Communists in China and "might precipitate a serious civil war."

The Fourth Route Army, a Communist unit, was broken up and its commander, General Yeh Ting, was held for trial following bloody clashes between the Fourth Route Army and Nationalist forces.

The Tass dispatch said that the Fourth Army lost 4,000 dead and 2,000 prisoners before the battle ceased. This supported the Chungking government's charge that the army had failed to obey orders and had revolted.

Tass continued: "Representatives of the Fourth Army deny these charges as unfounded and affirm that the real motive of the attack was the narrow party ambitions of the Kuomingtang (Nationalist Party) generals directed against the "revolutionary patriotic Communist elements" in the ranks of the Fourth Army.

"Patriotic circles," continued Tass, "express the opinion that these events are the beginning of a big operation for the liquidation of not only the Fourth but also the Eighth Army (the original Chinese Communist army). They affirm this would mean the development of a civil war, which could only weaken China."

Chinese officials have reported to Washington that Chiang's move against the Communist armies was dictated by the necessity of shaking off Russian agents and propagandists. The Fourth Army has been disseminating Communist propaganda among peasants in the area in which the unit was quartered, even to the extent of promising the peasants specific parcels of land in the district at the end of the war.

Chiang's chief of staff declined to transfer this army unit. The commander Yeh Ting therefore refused to evacuate his army and Chiang ordered him court martialed and his army disbanded.

This was significant because the Eighth Route Army had demanded to be transferred to the Yangtze district and there to co-operate with the Fourth Route Army.

From this vantage point the Communist armies could have moved through China against India.

The Chinese explain that Stalin used Yeh Ting as his tool to find out what Russia was going to receive as a reward for its aid to China.

Again, because of the *Lend-Lease Bill,* America was backing the Chinese Nationalists heavily and Chiang, no doubt, knew that America's reluctance in helping China was the alliance with Soviet Rusisa and its co-operation with native Communists.

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Americans ought to arrive at a clear understanding of Soviet Russia's aims in the Far East before committing the nation to all out aid of China. Communist Russia cooperated closely with the Axis in Europe *for a price*—parts of Poland and Roumania, Finland, Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Diplomatic sources have heard that, in view of Russia's betrayal of Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Turkey, Germany will now give Russia *a free hand in the invasion and occupation of Sweden!*

The Soviet has followed the same course in Far Eastern diplomacy. For co-operation with Germany's oriental partner, Russia has demanded the revision of the *Portsmouth treaty,* the return of the southern part of Sakhalien Islands, an adjustment of the Mongolian-Manchuokuan border, and the return of the old Chinese Eastern Railway.

Russia is in a position to make these demands, because Russia has promised to force China to weaken her resistance against the Japanese invasion and thus permit the Japanese troops to move out of South China and into more strategic positions for attack against the British Empire.

If Germany drives through to the Dardanelles, Russia's old dream, it can be assumed that Germany in exchange has forced Japan to give Russia a free hand in China, India, Afghanistan and Hindustan, thus to build up an "empire" in the Far East.

America's "secret" diplomats ought to investigate the secret diplomacy of Red Russia, their much-coveted all

Alaskan Defense

AMERICA is committed—under present agreements, pacts and diplomatic policies—to regard any Japanese move against Malaysia and Singapore as a threat to the United States as well as Great Britain.

Singapore is the gateway to the East; it is known popularly as the "Gibraltar of the Orient."

Whoever controls Singapore controls for all practical purposes the commerce of the nations that rim the Pacific, and the commercial ports that lie beyond on the trade route through the Indian Ocean and the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean and Europe.

America's interest in Singapore as a British fortress and port is important from a commercial viewpoint, but surely not so vital that the United States should become involved in its military defense and risk the lives of millions of draftees in a battle for the British Empire's interests in far-off Asia.

The war strategists point out that the United States must be prepared to go to war against Japan if Singapore is attacked.

They say that unless America is prepared to abandon the Philippines to conquest, when the Islands attain their independence in 1946, and unless America is prepared to face Japanese supremacy in the southwestern Pacific, we must see to it that the British retain Singapore.

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Hawaii, our westernmost first class naval base, is nearly 5,000 miles from Manila. Japan itself is only a quarter of that distance from the Philippines.

But these strategists all seem to forget that when the Lindberghs flew from the Orient they came by way of Alaska—the shortest route.

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From Attu, the westernmost of the Aleutian islands, it is only a short jump of 1,756 miles to Tokio. It is only 700 miles more to Japan's great naval base on Paramoshiri Island and even closer to the Mommandorski islands submarine base, *where German officers are showing the Russians how to operate the deadly U-boats!*

We mention this fact because, if Japan becomes America's enemy by attacking Singapore, she will surely have Soviet Russia as an ally to attack North America through Alaska.

An attack against Japan carried out by America, therefore, must be launched through Alaska rather than from the Hawaiian, Philippine or Singapore bases.

If Britain attacked Japan from her Singapore and Hong Kong bases, and the United States attacked from its Alaskan bases, little Japan would be caught in a giant pincers which would mean quick military defeat for the island empire.

But before concentrating all our naval and air forces in the South Pacific, the United States needs to protect Alaska, the nearest point of attack from both Soviet Russia and Japan.

The fortification of Alaska and the establishment of air, naval and army bases there, will prove to be a great step toward an effective territorial, national and hemispheric defense.

Therefore, if America co-operates with Britain in an all-out sending of ships and airplanes to British bases in the Orient, both the United States and the Dominion of Canada will be committing suicide, for both will be left wide open to a combined attack from Soviet Russia and Japan.

When the long-distance Russian fliers came to America they flew by way of the Arctic and Alaskan route and succeeded in flying far down to California—thus pointing out the vulnerability of our West Coast to an air attack from the northwest launched in Asia.

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Father Bernard F. Hubbard, the world-famous "glacier priest," who has spent 15 years in Alaskan exploration for Santa Clara University, told an American lecture audience that he would co-operate, if asked, with U. S. officials in re-locating the proposed defense bases in Alaska.

Effective enemy invasion of Alaska, he believes, is utterly impracticable; but he asserted that officials who had selected the bases for our air defense have "shown little more knowledge of the terrain than those who foresee imminent conquest from Asia."

"I looked at the proposed sites for bases and it seemed to me some expert in Washington had taken a pair of calipers and had swung it in a semicircle up the Alaska coast and out to the Aleutians, saying: 'We want a base here, there, there and there'," Fr. Hubbard said.

"Some of the bases are well chosen. Others are utterly valueless," the priest points out.

"One of the new bases is at Yakutat. This site is entirely surrounded by mountains 14,000 feet high. It is situated on the Gulf of Alaska, in a region which is noted even in Alaska for the worst storms in the Arctic.

"Another is planned in the Aleutian Islands. This whole region is meteorologically impossible. The storms are violent and unpredictable. Fog covers the islands for weeks at a time. The mountainous nature of the islands makes radio beams impracticable.

"A third is planned at Kodiak. This region, too, is exceptionally stormy.

"Yet within short distances of all the sites chosen there *are other possible locations which would be free of these handicaps.*"

"Talk of invasion of this continent from Asia by way of Alaska," Fr. Hubbard believes, "is based on a false premise.

"An invasion, of sorts, would be the easiest thing in the world. In the region of the Diomede Islands, in the Bering Straits, the water separating Russian from Alaskan territory is a little over two miles wide.

"Obviously, troops can cross without much trouble, in either direction.

"But when they have crossed, they are hundreds, even thousands of miles, from any railroad or highway.

"I would gladly undertake, with 20 Eskimos, to cross the Bering Straits and 'capture' 1,000 square miles of Siberia. But that, militarily, would be nothing but a foolish gesture."

Was It a Joke?

A FEW WEEKS ago when the House was debating the *Lease-Lend Bill,* Representative Vito Marcantonio introduced an amendment to the legislation stating that the "Original Thirteen Colonies *are not surplus*" and that they could not be leased, loaned or transferred "back to King George."

Besides its sponsor, only two other Representatives—Tinkham of Massachusetts and Short of Missouri—voted for the amendment.

The rest of the House howled it down, while newspapermen wrote about it as being a "good joke."

But was it?

Bombers for the Orient

AN INCREASING number of American-made bombers, now owned and operated by the British as long range flying boats, are flying to patrol the sea lanes of the South Pacific.

These mighty aircraft — most of them Brewsters and Consolidated — will operate out of New Zealand, Australia and Singapore. The planes will be used to convoy transports and supply ships, especially the *Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, Il de France* and *Aquitania.*

Some weeks ago SOCIAL JUSTICE revealed that the British had obtained permission from America to transship to Singapore bombers originally destined for service in Europe.

Now, long range patrol bombers built especially for Britain by Reuben Fleet's Consolidated Aircraft Co., in San Diego, Calif., are being transported from America's West Coast to Australia by way of Honolulu.

Thus, even before the passage of the "all-out" aid to Britain bill, the United States has furnished the British Empire with aircraft, in accord with the Australian-Anglo-American defense of the Pacific agreement previously referred to in these columns.

The giant PBY type flying planes — the same as the United States Navy is now using in Hawaiian-Pacific defense — roar in past Diamond Head and Waikiki to land in Hawaii. They refuel and take off again from Pearl Harbor for "action" far to the south of this Paradise of the Pacific.

It is no "State secret" that the Australian government has ordered 18 of these boats, each of them costing $200,000. But there is something startling about its evident violation of our own *Neutrality Act.*

In addition to the 18 planes now in operation, the British government will ferry 18 more of the same type across the Pacific to Singapore.

At the time of this writing, Consolidated Aircraft Co. is said to be delivering these planes for the defense of the British Empire in the Far East.

It was planned that these planes would fly by way of Australia and would be manned by Australian and New Zealand Flying Corps men.

In addition to purchases of planes by Australia and Britain, the New Zealand government will purchase at least six of these big patrol bombers.

This should make a total of some 45 of the world's best seaplane bombers, having a range of 3,500 miles and an average speed of 110 to 115 miles per hour.

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Previously, British airmen have been flying these big sea bombers across the Atlantic and then shooting some of them out to Singapore from North Africa.

But when the Anzac airmen had become sufficiently trained in the handling of these ships, British airmen saw that there was no longer a necessity for flying these ships from Western America to Newfoundland, to England, and then by the long route across Asia. The Australian airmen asked that they be permitted to fly their own boats directly from American territories; and their plan was accepted as less hazardous.

So now the planes are flown to Hawaii, along the Pan American Clipper airways, by civilian or unofficial military pilots. After the ships arrive on test flight in Hawaii, they are turned over to the Anzac airmen.

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The United States Navy has nothing to do with the flying or transfer of these sea bombers. The camouflaged and armored craft are landed at Pearl Harbor, but not at the Navy base, it is explained.

The planes are grounded, serviced, and tuned up for the next hop at the Pan American Airway bases side by side with the Pacific Clippers.

Anzac airmen use the Pan American route "home," with a few variations and modifications, for, ultimately, the Clippers do not go their way.

Strict secrecy surrounds the taking off and landing of these heavy bombers, especially at Hawaii where Japanese agents might pick up information useful in some way to Nazi sea raiders flying Japanese colors.

These Nazi raiders are reported to carry swift pursuit planes which could intercept these bombers before they are finally delivered to the home bases in the Commonwealth "down under."

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An American Portrait

Hamilton Fish of N. Y.

HAMILTON FISH, Representative from the 26th District of the State of New York, stems from one of the most distinguished lines of statesmen in American history.

His grandfather was a Senator, Governor and Secretary of State; his father a Congressman and one-time Speaker of the New York State Assembly.

But something more than a predilection for public service runs in the blood of Hamilton Fish. His grandfather was not only one of the foremost political figures of his time; he was also one of America's most noted non-interventionists and is now known to have been the man who kept the administration of President Ulysses Grant from entangling the United States in foreign alliances.

The family tradition of isolationism has been brilliantly upheld by his grandson. Today, as ranking minority member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Hamilton Fish is the leading standard-bearer of non-interventionism in the Lower House.

For trying to keep America out of war, Congressman Fish has been the victim of the most vicious political smear campaigns of the last decade, his attackers ranging from the President—who included him in the much-publicized triumvirate of Martin, Barton and Fish—to the lowliest Marxian hack journalist.

Jewish leaders in particular have been vehement in their criticism of the New York Representative and have gone so far as to call him an anti-Semite without the slightest substantiating evidence.

These same critics, however, carefully forget to mention that in 1923 Fish was the author of a Congressional resolution backing the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Neither do they point out that in May, 1939, when the British government decided to limit Jewish immigration into Palestine, Fish attacked the measure in the following words:

"(I am) shocked by the disgraceful proposal of the British government to break the definite pledge contained in the *Balfour Declaration*, which it freely gave to help win the World War."

Another smear, equally as baseless as the anti-Semitic canard, is the charge that Mr. Fish is ignorant of foreign affairs. According to the interventionists, all isolationists are unrealistic since in 1939 they were supposed to have believed there was little danger of war.

Far from minimizing the war threat, Fish went to Europe two years ago and made the prediction that a world conflict would begin by August 20, 1939. He missed the actual date by only 10 days.

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The anti-Fish campaign didn't reach its zenith, however, until the recent elections. Running for re-election on the Republican ticket, he had to face a fire of criticism not only from Democrats but from members of his own party. Several big-time Willkie Republicans, such as Clare Boothe, the wife of magazine publisher Henry Luce, made special trips to Fish's district from New York City to deliver stump speeches against him.

Finding it impossible to defeat him fairly, Fish's war-mongering enemies resorted to one of the cheapest political smears of all time.

They printed hundreds of thousands of pamphlets containing a picture of the Congressman and Fritz Kuhn, the Nazi Bundist, plus the statement that Fish was a "Nazi."

The pamphlets gave no explanation as to where and when the picture had been taken. Actually, the photograph had been made at a New York State constitutional convention in 1937, where Fish, a delegate, had introduced a resolution prohibiting the arming, drilling and uniforming of Nazis, Communists and other un-American groups.

Kuhn had attended one of the hearings and had been photographed while being questioned by Mr. Fish.

However, all these qualifying facts were omitted in the pamphlet, which used the photograph to "prove" that Kuhn and Fish were "friends," instead of actual enemies.

After being re-elected—for the "smear" had little effect on his devoted constituents—Congressman Fish tried to find out and prosecute the instigators of the pamphlet, but so far he has had little success.

His enemies are far too numerous and influential to bring into a courtroom. Among them are numbered not only the Democratic political bosses and Republican interventionists, but also the whole pack of international Leftists.

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As far back as 1930, Hamilton Fish started to investigate Communist activities in America by heading a Congressional Committee similar to that now directed by Martin Dies.

But 10 years ago the public was unaware of the Moscow menace and the Fish Committee, unable to obtain any substantial support, was speedily dissolved.

Undeterred by this setback, the New York Congressman continued his battle against Josef Stalin until he gained the honor of being called the nation's number one Red baiter. By now, time has proved that Fish's warnings about Communism were right and, once again, the public owes a debt of gratitude to one of the few Congressmen who considers it more important to be true to his convictions than to ride along on the wave of inflamed mass opinion.

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Although his political career has been a long and stormy one, Mr. Fish is only 52 years of age, having been born in Garrison, Putnam County, New York, on December 7, 1888.

After graduating from preparatory school he followed family tradition and went to Harvard, receiving a B.A. degree *cum laude* in 1910 and later returning for a year to study law.

In 1914 Mr. Fish went into politics and was elected to a two-year term in the New York Assembly on the Republican ticket.

At America's entrance into war, in 1917, he headed the 15th New York Volunteers of the Colored Infantry, later known as the 369th Infantry; received a *Croix de Guerre* for bravery; and, finally, became a Major of Infantry of the 4th Division of the Army of Occupation.

After the war ended and Fish had returned to political life he never gave up his Army connections. Today he is a Colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps. His military record is ample evidence that he knows the subject of war at first-hand—a qualification not shared by most of his opponents, who are now howling for America to join in another unholy crusade for democracy.

In 1919, Fish was elected to the 66th Congress to represent the inhabitants of Orange, Putnam and Dutchess counties and has been re-elected to this post ever since.

Once in the House, Fish lost no time in displaying the patriotism which has since made him famous by introducing a resolution providing for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Shortly afterwards he helped organize the American Legion.

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In answer to those who call Hamilton Fish a "reactionary," it should be mentioned that during his first ten years in the House he was an ardent champion of Negro rights and prison relief, and, although they were members of his own party, he called for the arrest of the Teapot Dome swindlers.

Long before the *Social Security Act* was passed, Hamilton Fish wrote in an article published in the *North American Review* (January, 1930), as follows:

"I bespeak a sympathetic understanding of a constructive old-age pension system in the interest of a class of people who have no organization . . . Let us strive *to establish human rights on a parity with property rights in the United States of America.*"

In 1931 Representative Fish recommended in a report that alien Communists be deported, that the postal laws should be amended so that Red literature could not go through the mails, and that the Communist Party be outlawed.

That his efforts in this direction have so far been fruitless is not due to any failing on his part, but rather to those politicians who refuse to face the stark realities of the Communist movement.

In the last two years, however, Mr. Fish has relented somewhat in his battle against Marxism in order to devote all his energy to the fight to keep America at peace.

In the Spring of 1939, he helped to form a *National Keep-Out-of-War Committee* and has since appeared on several nation-wide radio hook-ups to counsel the American people about the dangers of entanglement in the European conflict.

Travelling in Europe in the Summer of 1939, Congressman Fish attended the Interparliamentary Union in Oslo, Norway, where he urged a 30-day truce in the Danzig dispute so that representatives of Great Britain, Italy, Germany and France could meet and arbitrate all outstanding differences among the European powers.

If arbitration should fail, he suggested that all questions concerning Danzig should be turned over to a committee composed of the Kings of Norway and Belgium and the President of Switzerland.

But European power politics was too much for the American Congressman and, announcing "I wash my hands of the whole thing," he returned home just before the outbreak of the present war.

Last year, practically all of Fish's activities in Congress were concerned with the situation in Europe. Among other things he

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proposed a loan to Finland, urged the severance of United States relations with Russia, offered a bill for the purchase of Greenland from Denmark, and opposed conscription on the ground that it would lead to dictatorship.

Though he supported Wendell Willkie in the presidential campaign, Mr. Fish never trusted the Hoosier Wall Street corporation lawyer and violently disapproved when the latter dropped his Mid-Western accent and revealed himself to be a war booster.

At a Lincoln Day dinner a few weeks ago, the New York Representative openly attacked Willkie by declaring that he "is now beating the war drums more furiously than the interventionists and war-makers of the Democratic Party."

Should America finally be dragged into the shambles of foreign war, Congressman Fish will fight just as hard to win the war for America as he has fought to keep the country out of war. Of this there is no better proof than his political and military record.

Until such time, however, "Ham" Fish is going to do all he can to prevent a repetition of the folly of 1917-18.

He is one of that small group of Congressmen which can be trusted not to change their opinions even when the heat becomes too hot.

Money Reform

WHILE the United States is daily edging closer to armed participation in the European war, three bills providing for monetary reform await action.

If enacted, the best features of these measures would go far toward correcting the evils of the international gold racket which Great Britain and America are defending under the guise of fighting for "democracy."

Former Congressman Charles G. Binderup, of Nebraska, president of the Constitutional Money League of America, and a long-time advocate of honest money, reports that the pending measures contain the principles included in the monetary bill he introduced while a member of the House.

Authors of the new proposals are Congressmen Jerry Voorhis of California, Knute Hill of Washington and John F. Hunter of Ohio.

Mr. Binderup, who organized the Constitutional Money League in collaboration with Professor Irving Fisher of Yale University, maintains that the present war is not a gallant, last ditch struggle for democracy, but an effort by international bankers to protect the value of their vast gold and security holdings.

In one of his recent radio broadcasts, he explained clearly how the manipulation of gold by international bankers has victimized Americans; and how, and why, the bankers want England to win the war at all costs, including the sacrifice of the lives of American boys.

Mr. Binderup quoted a letter from a kinsman in Denmark, in which the cousin said that America should join the war to preserve the world's gold standard. This cousin, he says, owns stock in South African gold mines

"It might interest you to know definitely, just how it is that three-fourths of the gold of the world got into the Kentucky hole and when it gets there it belongs to the international bankers, although Uncle Sam pays for the gold in full," Binderup said.

"A bit of example," he continued. "Recently when Rudolph's (his cousin) company accumulated some of this gold in South Africa, they sent it to Rothschild's bank in London, as is usual, telling them to buy Federal Land Bank bonds in the United States for the gold.

"Rudolph's company prefers these bonds as they are, a specific mortgage on a good farm and a blanket mortgage on two-thirds of a million of the best farms of the United States, and are tax-exempt and bear 4½ % interest.

"Rothschild's bank sends the gold to their American correspondents, the House of Morgan, with instructions to buy these bonds on the market. The House of Morgan sends the gold to Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, and he (Morgenthau) sends a check payable at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to the House of Morgan for the amount of gold and at the same time he (Morgenthau) sends a gold certificate for the entire amount of the gold to cover the check when it is presented for payment at the bank. This gold certificate is a warehouse receipt transferring the full title of the gold to the Federal Reserve Bank.

"Further proof that it is the purpose of the gold certificate to carry title to the gold is evidenced by the fact that Treasury report shows this gold certificate as a 'debit,' or liability, and the report of the Federal Reserve Bank shows the gold certificate as an 'asset.'

"So there is definitely no question about who owns the gold in the Kentucky hole!

"When the House of Morgan presents this check to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, it is paid in Federal Reserve currency that has been printed for the banks by our Government at a cost to the banks of 30 cents for $1,000 or the cost of printing the money.

"Did you know our Government prints hundreds of millions of dollars in this Federal Reserve currency, charging the banks approximately 30c for a thousand dollars' worth of currency, and sends this money in large bundles (millions of dollars) to each one of the twelve Federal Reserve banks to hold in their vaults and to use when in their opinion paper is eligible for purchase, or loans on eligible paper to member banks?

"That these banks hold these millions of dollars in their vaults without interest and without bond? But the fact that we virtually gave the banks the money wherewith they bought the gold does not alter the matter.

"In the Senate and in the House you hear the members of Congress criticize our Government for not using this vast amount of gold in the Kentucky hole as a reserve whereon to base an expanded currency supply to keep pace with a growing nation.

"The next time a member of the Senate or House makes this statement from the floor, wouldn't it be wonderful if someone would explain that we have no gold, that it belongs to the American branch of the international bankers — the Federal Reserve Banks of the United States. And the old policy of basing our money on gold that belongs to someone else, would be like building your home on a lot to which you hold no deed.

"Thus, let it be definitely understood that the international bankers own the gold, thirteen carloads of gold in the Kentucky hole; three-fourths of all the gold in the world. Now suppose England should lose the war. Europe would be off the gold standard immediately and the world would follow. Why not? They don't have any gold. Then what would become of the gold in the hole? It would fall in price from its fiat value, today $35.00 an ounce, to its commercial value, approximately $2.00 an ounce or less. Gold would be useless, no one would want it for jewelry. It would be too cheap. About all it could be used for would be filling teeth. And who would lose the difference between the present fiat price of gold, and the commercial price for gold? The international bankers who hold the gold certificates, the warehouse receipts covering the gold.

"That would mean a loss to the international bankers of $19,857,140,000, but the international bankers bought this gold with money that cost them only 30 cents for a thousand dollars, so even the most tenderhearted Carter Glass of Virginia or Congressman Cox of Georgia should consider this and dry their crocodile tears and weep no more for the international bankers. But the international bankers have more at stake.

"They own over one hundred billions of European bonds all payable in gold, which would also fall in value from the European fiat value on gold at $20.67 an ounce to less than $2.00 an ounce commercial value, and many of these European nations that Germany has split up wouldn't even be able to pay at that price should England lose this war. Even those who could, would likely repudiate their debts just as England did with us.

"So the international bankers would lose another $90-billion or more in European bonds, should England lose, but the international bankers would lose a great deal more, for they own the bonds of every nation in the world, payable in gold that would become almost worthless should England lose this war.

"But the greatest loss of all to the international bankers is the fact that if England loses this war they lose control of the world's money, a profitable racket they have imposed upon the people of the world for hundreds of years; the instrumentality wherewith they have robbed the laboring people of the products of their hands and brains that has made 90 citizens out of every 100 dependent on charity at the age of 60 years.

"In all criminology we always search for the motive first, so isn't it easy to understand what this war is all about? Who it is that is really interested? Isn't the motive clear and easy to understand?

"Isn't it plain we are fighting just another money war, a repetition of the World War No. 1? I know you haven't forgotten. You couldn't forget. When we were taught to believe just as we are today that we were fighting to make the world safe for Democracy; fighting a war to end all wars; and then when the mists and the clouds of lying international bankers' paid war propaganda originating in England and amplified in the United States through the public press, picture shows and radio — when this false war propaganda faded away we saw too clearly, yes, every living soul saw and understood and grieved over the fact that we had fought and sacrificed so dearly, not to save democracy, but to save the bonds held by the international bankers; that the 125,000 little graves over in Flanders Field, where the poppies grow, marks the sacrifices of a great nation deceived and led astray by our dictator money monopoly, the international bankers."

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Behind the War

Financiers Dictate Peace

IT SHOULD be clear that the World War was "financed and prolonged by the financial interests of the major powers on both sides," said Representative Thorkelson in concluding his presentation of *Senate Document 346* to Congress.

In three previous installments, SOCIAL JUSTICE has quoted at length from the document, which originally was a petition presented by the committee of Hungarians who hoped to free their country of blame for the World War.

We continue Mr. Thorkelson's speech from the *Congressional Record:*

"There is further evidence to show that our Government was aware of the impending conflict, yet no information was given out to the public to acquaint them with the real cause of the World War.

"Our so-called free press, which is supposed to speak in the interests of the people, was in reality employed by its owners—the 'invisible government' — to disseminate poison of hatreds toward the Central Powers or the Triple Alliance.

"Do not forget, however, that the owners of the press were the same powers that instigated and prolonged the World War; and Lord Welby was correct when he said: 'We are in the hands of an organization of crooks. These are politicians, generals, manufacturers of armaments, and journalists.'

"Mr. Speaker, we are in the hands of the same international exploiters today!

"They own and control the world's gold and credit.

"They own and control nearly all sources of publicity, our movies, our large broadcasting stations, our daily press, and news distributing agencies . . .

"The war which is now raging in Europe is a natural aftermath of the *Treaty of Versailles,* and I may say at this point that nothing else could be expected after taking into consideration those who were responsible for the drafting of that treaty.

"I shall now quote from the *Senate document* (346) so as to further enlighten the public:

"The members of the Peace Conference were composed of the so-called Big Four and experts.

"The so-called Big Four were Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America; Lloyd George, Prime Minister of England; Signor Orlando, Premier of Italy; and M. Clemenceau, Premier of France.

"These men were 'all surrounded by Jewish advisers,' and these advisers 'played a decisive part.'" (Prof. C. Sarole, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, *Current History Magazine,* January, 1923, p. 593).

" 'The Big Four were mere novices in international affairs — geography ethnology, psychology, and political history were a sealed book to them. They were specialists in nothing.

" 'Whether one contemplates them in the light of their public acts or through the prisms of gossip, the figures cut by the delegates of the big powers were pathetic. Giants in the parliamentary sphere, they shrank to the dimensions of dwarfs in the international. In matters of international politics they were helplessly at sea.' (Dillon's *'Inside Story of the Peace Conference,'* pp. 102-203. Dr. Dillon was a member of the English delegation to the peace conference.)

"Mr. Lansing, Secretary of State, and a plenipotentiary from the United States of America, admits that President Woodrow Wilson was stubborn, unprepared, yet 'seldom consulted his experts.' (Lansing's *'Peace Negotiations,'* p. 107.)

"The official interpreter of the peace conference was one 'M. Paul Mantoux, one of the most brilliant representatives of Jewry at the conference.' (Dillon's *'Inside Story of the Peace Conference,'* p. 127.)

"How brilliant his translations were and what chaotic situation must have existed at the conference may be shown by the following example:

"One of the delegates said: 'My country, unfortunately, is situated in the midst of States which are anything but peace loving — in fact, the chief danger to the peace of Europe emanates from them.'

"The 'brilliant' translation was: 'The country represented by Mr. X unhappily presents the greatest danger to the peace of Europe.' "

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The document continues:

"The Peace Conference finally reduced itself down to a scramble of international financiers.

"The financial part of the treaty was written by international financiers and a large part of this work was done by our own Mr. Barnard Baruch, a New York financier, who told the investigating committee of the United States Senate:

" 'I probably had more power than perhaps any other man did in the war; doubtless that is true.'

"This 'powerful man' wrote the financial part of the Paris peace treaty."

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If Mr. Baruch had the power he claimed when he appeared before the investigating committee of the United States Senate, he "used it unwisely and unjustly," Mr. Thorkelson charged.

There are 130 pages in the *Peace Conference Report,* each page filled with an impressive list of people from whom much was expected on the 1st of April, 1919.

But, "like the day, like the deed, the world was fooled . . ."

"The *Treaty of Versailles* was written to destroy the nations that were defeated in the World War," the Minnesota Congressman charged.

It is, he said, "not an expression of statesmanship but is instead a vicious instrument, unjust and cruel to a people who were not in any sense responsible for the World War. It is only natural that an intelligent people resent coercion and restriction, and this they were forced to endure by partition of their own countries.

"The more aggressive countries are now engaged in retrieving their former possessions and for this no one can be blamed except those who drafted the *Treaty of Versailles.*

"It is time that the larger world powers and the invisible government learned that in living, they must also let others live.

"The purpose of the quotations," the Congressman went on, "is to expose those who were guilty of bringing about the World War, and I hope this information will counteract any desire to enter into the present war.

"You will notice that it was not the civil governments of the citizens of the warring countries and were responsible, but it was instead, as history proves, the international financiers or the invisible government.

"The international financiers and their associates were not satisfied with the stringent terms of the peace treaty, but true to their stripe, demanded the last pound of flesh.

"They willfully and deliberately brought about inflation in Germany by the withdrawal of gold and gold-secured currency.

"After the collapse of the German money, these financial tricksters returned to Germany with sound money from adjoining countries. With this gold currency, they bought German marks, and real estate, for less than 5 per cent of its actual value. It is interesting to note the wide scope of this exploitation. In the *New York Times,* September 14, 1922, the following advertisement:

" 'New issue, 600-million German marks, divided into 60,000 common shares, par value 10,000 marks each. Application will be made to increase the common-share capital of this company.

" 'United European Investors, Ltd. (incorporated under charter of the Dominion of Canada). President, Hon. *Franklin D. Roosevelt,* vice president, Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland; vice president and chairman, executive committee, William Schall, William Schall & Co., bankers, New York; treasurer, August Scherer, 45 William Street, New York; secretary, A. R. Roberts, 7 Pine Street, New York.

" 'Directors: Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt; Almet F. Jenks, New York; William Schall; Andrew Haydon, Ottawa, Canada.

" 'Advisory board in Germany: Senator August Lattmann, former partner, G. Amsinck & Co., New York; Senator John von Berenberg Gossler, partner, John von Berenberg Gossler & Co., Hamburg; Alfred Arnthal, Hamburg.

" 'Bankers and depositors: William Schall & Co., New York; Deutsche Bank, Hamburg; Norddeutsche Bank, Hamburg.

" 'Transfer agents: The Bank of America, New York.

" 'The purpose of this company is to exchange its shares for German marks held by American investors and to invest these marks in actual values in Germany. Carefully selected investments will be made in real estate, mortgages, securities, and participation in industrial and commercial enterprises.

" 'The company's facilities and connections enable it to secure attractive and sound investments; the directors will take advantage of the present money stringency in Germany and of the purchasing power of the mark, which is far greater than is reflected by exchange quotations.

" 'Mr. William Schall, chairman of the executive committee, was sent to Germany by the company on a special mission to make a careful survey of German economic conditions. Mr. Schall conferred with the leading German financial authorities, and

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with their assistance selected the German advisory committee.'

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"According to a letter from the department of the Secretary of State of Canada, the United European Investors, Ltd., was incorporated by Dominion letters patent dated the 9th of May, 1922, with head office situate at Ottawa, Ontario. It was dissolved by a certificate of surrender of charter issued under date of July 12, 1927.

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"This gives a comprehensive view of the extent to which Germany and its people were exploited by international brokers and bankers, in collusion with German and international banks.

"Let us not forget that inflation is usually a deliberate manipulation brought about by those who control international gold money and credit. It is a sort of a milking process which leaves the poor destitute and the rich wealthier.

"To bring this point home, let us remember that we have had inflated currency since 1934, when the gold was withdrawn and gold securities repudiated by our own Government. It is also well to bear in mind that we are now using a commodity or unsecured dollar that may, like the German mark, collapse at any time.

"The gold which is now held by the United States Treasury may be withdrawn, as it was in Germany; and when such withdrawal takes place, disaster will face us as it has other nations.

"The question is: Would we, the American people, resent such exploitation by foreign financiers? I believe we would; and it was such a discovery that terminated in deportation of those who had brought disaster to Germany.

"It is only natural that these same international bankers are resentful at having been discovered. They no doubt acquired, by fraud, possession of much valuable property and securities which were later repudiated by the German government when discovery was made of the manner in which such property and possessions had been obtained.

"No doubt many of those who invested through the medium of the United European Investors, Ltd., are also disappointed. Yet it is only just retribution and certainly no reason why we should declare war in their behalf.

"There is no rhyme or reason why the United States should declare war on any country in order to restore to the international financiers the power of world domination.

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"The World War, as you can well understand after having read these remarks, was fought to place the invisible government in complete control of international gold and credit. In this the invisible government was successful, only to be foiled by the subsequent attitude of the Central Powers.

"The question which we must soon decide is whether or not we should become involved in the present conflict, which is for no other purpose except to restore to the invisible government its waning power in Europe.

"In order to accomplish this, and to shape our opinions favorable to taking sides in this conflict, we are now submerged in a mass of propaganda no different from that which was employed prior to our entrance in the World War.

"This propaganda would have us believe that world civilization is to be destroyed if we fail to participate in the conflict.

"This is stupid propaganda, because world civilization will be destroyed much more quickly if we join the conflict. I make this statement deliberately, for civilization cannot be saved by having civilized powers engage in mutual destruction.

"It should be evident to all that the present world strife has been brought about for no other purpose except to deplete and weaken the ranks of the higher civilized nations.

"It occurs to me that we should take time out to consider the underlying causes of this world unrest. Is it not possible that the present conflict is a deliberate attempt engineered by the forces within the invisible government to bring about destruction so that it may survive at the expense of civilization?

British Ex-Army Officer Counsels Peace

AMERICAN participation in the war abroad will not only be futile from the standpoint of insuring future peace, but will threaten the life of democracy at home, Francis H. Jeffery, former British army officer, declared in a recent radio address sponsored by the America First Committee.

"This conflict will settle nothing," Mr. Jeffery said, "and the third world war will be in the making at the peace table!"

He pointed out that democracy cannot long endure when a majority of people are discontented, and that discontent is certain to follow post-war economic conditions which would arise.

"Our unsolved domestic problems," he continued, "will have become enormously magnified, and we will be less able to cope with them while our Government is drowning in a $200-billion debt.

"If the majority of our people are forced into World War No. 2 by the efforts of the vocal and powerful minorities—financial, fashionable and racial—a future dictator may play upon their resentment to hoist himself to power."

Mothers' Crusade

FINES of $25 and $15 respectively were assessed against two members of the *Mothers' Crusade Against Bill 1776*, at the end of a five-day trial for disorderly conduct in demonstrating against the British aiders' war-dictator bill.

Defense Counsel immediately announced an appeal of the case and bond of $100 each was set for each defendant.

The "defendants" were Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago and Mrs. Clara Henryetta Nibberich of St. Louis.

They were arrested two weeks ago when they sought to present an American flag to Senator Carter Glass of Virginia.

Senator Glass demanded that the F.B.I. investigate the Mothers' Crusade.

His action drew rebuke on the Senate floor where Senator Champ Clark of Missouri said:

"The right of petition won't last long if Senator Glass asks the F.B.I. to investigate every petitioner."

Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, who refused to see an Illinois delegation of women early in the debate, defended Senator Glass.

"A man 80 years old is entitled to protection from people of this type," Senator Lucas said, and he told Senator Clark, that apparently he "hadn't met Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling."

While Mrs. Dilling was in court at Washington, D. C., her Chicago office reported to local newspapers that "all the information about the Mothers' Crusade" had been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mrs. Dilling in a letter to the pro-war Senator Glass called the fiery Virginian an "overaged destroyer" of American youth.

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At least four groups of women are battling against *H.R. 1776* in Washington, the *Dubuque Tribune* reports.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago heads the *Mothers' Crusade to Defeat H.R. 1776;* Mrs. Rose Farber of Detroit, heads a group known as *Mothers of the United States of America;* Miss Catherine Curtis heads the *Women's National Committee to Keep the United States Out of the War;* and Mrs. J. A. Fairbank of Chicago heads the *America First Committee, Women's Section.*

These organizations, the report continues, work in three ways:

The Dilling group does peaceful picketing on Capitol Hill.

The Farber group visits Senators in groups of two or four and in a quiet way, well fortified with documents to support their stand, argues and then checks on the stand which the Senator takes in the debate.

The Curtis group works in two shifts a day, preparing research material and mailing out literature. In the past month they have mailed more than a million pieces of literature on the bill to men and women all over the country.

"All these groups feel alike that the bill is un-American and has never been fully or truthfully presented to the country. They feel that it is first of all a bill which will permit one man to create a condition of war and to put our people and economy under a totalitarian rule.

" 'These are earnest women' writes an observer. 'Most of them are middle-aged. Most of them are mothers. Most of them are in Washington for a day or two, staying at boarding houses and eating off counters. They have one objective to see and talk to their Senator. And most of them are realizing this objective'."

Thus, almost on their own unaided efforts, except for some meager donations, these Mothers of America are undertaking to combat all the propaganda forces of the British Empire, with its highly paid publicity staff, its "White Committees" and the powerful politicians of a pro-British administration.

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Comment

War, Peace Aims Equally Vague

ALTHOUGH President Roosevelt definitely has committed the United States as an ally of Great Britain in the war against Germany, neither he nor any of his numerous diplomatic messengers ever have requested Britain to clarify her war aims.

The Chief Executive and his spokesmen have frightened millions of Americans into a state of jitters bordering on war hysteria; they have told the American public that "we must not allow the Axis to defeat Britain."

Yet we have made no effort to determine what sort of peace a victorious Britain has in mind.

The President speaks idealistically of establishing the "four freedoms" everywhere in the world, but neglects to obtain assurance of co-operation in this from Great Britain.

Replying to a Laborite member of Parliament recently, Winston Churchill himself said:

"There is such common comprehension in the United States of what we are fighting for and what we stand for that *I cannot recall any occasion when the question of peace aims or reconstruction has been mentioned* by any of the representatives of the American Government whom I have seen or corresponded with."

Mr. Churchill obviously confuses Mr. Roosevelt's personal views with those of millions of Americans who are being asked to go "all-out" for Great Britain with no assurance of the Empire's good intentions.

Unless the Empire's diplomatists and internationalists undergo a moral house cleaning, we have no assurance that a British victory will be any more fruitful of world peace, democracy and the "four freedoms" than an outright Nazi triumph.

Churchill in Spanish Army

WINSTON CHURCHILL, that ardent champion of democracy, fought with the Spanish army in 1895-96 against Cubans who were struggling for independence from Spanish tyranny in the revolution that finally was won with the aid of the United States in 1898.

This startling reminiscence was revealed recently by Dr. Jose Agustin Martinez, one of Cuba's most respected journalists, in the February 20th issue of *Avance*, Havana newspaper.

After explaining how Churchill, at the time a 2nd Lieutenant in a British cavalry unit, managed to get a 10-weeks' permit to fight with the terroristic Spanish forces, Dr. Martinez writes:

"In early December, 1895, Winston Churchill embarked for Havana via New York. He arrived in the Cuban capital 20 days later . . . and joined the forces of General Valdes, operating in the province of Oriente.

"The day of his 21st birthday, he received his baptism of fire. The column of General Valdes was marching against La Jicotea when it was attacked by the forces of the enemy (i.e. Cubans).

"The fire was lively and insurgent bullets whistled about the head of the young Britisher, who remained very close to the Spanish general.

"The Spanish column had a difficult task getting out of the ambush and it was some time before it could continue its march. At dinner that night General Valdes praised the British soldier for his valor and his absolute indifference to danger.

"On his return to Havana, Churchill received from the hands of General Martinez Campos the Order of Military Merit (1st class)."

The crimes and terrorism practiced by the decadent Spanish tyrants against Cuba in the end of the 19th century form some of the blackest chapters of history.

Young Churchill not only took part in these atrocities but received a medal and praise from a Spanish general for so doing.

Later in a series of letters published in the *London Daily Graphic*, describing his adventures in Cuba, Churchill admitted that he sympathized with the Cubans who were struggling for liberty "but not with their methods."

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Col. Lindbergh is called a "Nazi" for receiving a purely honorary medal from General Goering. Winston Churchill *earned* his medal and still keeps it without the slightest criticism from the press.

Another interesting fact about Churchill's visit to Cuba is that while he was fighting against Cubans, he was also fighting against the United States.

For Cuba's cause was America's cause, just as Spain at that time was America's enemy.

This, finally, became so apparent to American citizens that the United States in 1898 allied itself with Cuba and freed the island in the Spanish-American war.

No Protest

RECENTLY the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation sought permission to sell 21 small transport planes to Latin American countries.

The War Department refused.

Now comes the story that Britain has just sold 21 new large air liners to Brazil.

This has not been checked yet, but the rumor persists.

What has been proved, however, is that London has recently sold 80 to 100 aviation engines to South America.

There should be protests from Washington about this deal, but there are none.

We not only have reverted to a British "dominion," but have accepted the fact and have begun paying our tribute.

Britain can sell aircraft equipment to foreign countries while we, the population of "the New Dominion of the United States," prepare via the *Lend-Lease bill* to give practically all our own airplanes to Britain.

Britain profits while we pay.

People Pay for War, Both Victor and Victim

A BILLION dollars worth of wealth was seized in the Nazi conquest of Czecho-Slovakia, according to the Associated Press; and $100-million in taxes is collected annually to help pay the cost of the conquest.

German troops invaded Czecho-Slovakia on March 15, 1939. They divided the people into the "protectorates" of Bohemia and Moravia and the semi-independent state of Slovakia. At the time the population was approximately 7-million.

The story, compiled by non-Czech sources, states that the economic shift of Czecho-Slovakia's resources to German ownership has been achieved by the following six methods:

(1) The Deutsche Bank and the Dresdener Bank took over Czecho-Slovakia's two dominated banking institutions: The Bohemian Union and the Escompte Bank which, in turn, controlled a considerable number of business enterprises.

(2) Through "Aryanization" proceedings all large Jewish-owned industries and companies were acquired, including the Sigmund Pump Works, one of the largest manufacturers specializing in poison gas.

(3) Using German marks, German promissory notes and Czech currency "borrowed" from the Czech National Bank, or acquired in the previously-annexed Sudeten area, German interests "purchased" controlling interests in the nation's largest plants, factories and businesses, including the Bata shoe factories, and the Skoda munition plants.

(4) Movable property useful to Germany's military plans valued at 22-billion crowns (when the crown was worth roughly 3 cents), was "purchased" with marks or crowns and transported to Germany. It included a vast amount of military arms, equipment and supplies, gathered for Czecho-Slovakia's defense. There were an estimated 1500 planes and equipment enough to arm 1½-million men.

(5) Virtually every large concern, not "bought" or otherwise taken over, has a Nazi economic commissar making sure that its activities are conducted in accordance with German policies.

(6) Over and above the normal taxes collected by these "protective" authorities, the German war taxes yield the Reich 600-million crowns annually. Since the Customs Union decree has abolished custom barriers, 2½-million crowns in consumption and turn-over taxes now flow directly into the German treasury, providing the Reich with 3-billion crowns ($100-million) annually from Bohemia and Moravia.

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The startling part of this story is not the effects but what lies behind them.

Thus, we know that the Deutsche Bank and the Dresdener Bank are merely financial adjuncts to the German Reichsbank, or Central Bank. The directors of this German Reichsbank wring millions from the oppressed peoples their mighty military machine has conquered.

At the same time they hold no scruples about chaining the German people themselves to the Nazi war chariot.

The German people are deceived that they are the "victors." But the German people — as well as the conquered peoples of Continental Europe — have no voice. They, too, are only puppets of the financial directors of the Reichsbank.

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Letters

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They Do Not Dare Defy the People!

TO THE EDITOR:

Of late, a certain radical newspaper here in New York has been terrifically flaying Col. Lindbergh. He and other brave and honest Americans are being assailed by certain groups known to all observing citizens.

Assailed for what? For being frank and truthful, for being pro-American, for being pro-peace, so reminiscent of Christ's words, "*Blessed are the peacemakers—.*"

In every respect — moral, spiritual, mental, physical — Charles Lindbergh offers a welcome contrast to the average callous politician and the soul-less, war-seeking internationalist. To true Americans he is and has been an inspiration.

History shows that Britain *always did belittle and deride men of true American caliber,* as witness the cases of America's greatest patriots — George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Make no mistake, the few who dare speak for America's best interests, shall be vindicated sooner or later — aye, honored. Thus, with patriotic respect and pride, I bow before Americans such as the Colonel, Father Coughlin, Verne Marshall, Senator Wheeler and the few others who are true to the people.

The perennial war-seeking profiteers are up to their old tricks. Oddly, they have many people fooled with their hysteria-producing propaganda as disseminated through the medium of press, screen and radio. Their only right is their might; in other words they are powerful.

They know that a people, at first fed class hatred, can later offer but limited resistance to their spirited efforts toward war.

But I have faith that all good citizens will awaken in time.

War-trending politicians *do not dare defy the people!*

It is high time that man found the truth — that he cannot live in peace without God. Then only shall he find human, brotherly love.

College Point, N. Y. — **M.J.K.**

Do Christians Care?

TO THE EDITOR:

Christians of America, why are we afraid? Do we care not or do we dare not raise a united voice against the present conditions?

Politicians, labor leaders and office-holders are selling out the people they are supposed to represent.

We have been asleep while a small group whose religion is Liberalism, carry on an underground conspiracy against Christianity. It is nothing but atheistic Communism under another name.

For years these Liberals have worked beneath the surface to bring about the present conditions. The Spanish civil war was a warning but we failed to profit by it.

Christians of America, if the zero hour for us is 12 o'clock, it is now five minutes to the hour.

Buffalo, N. Y. — **F.L.M.**

Vindication

TO THE EDITOR:

I have read with great interest your letter of February 7 regarding the vindication of the seventeen young men accused of sedition.

Am glad that SOCIAL JUSTICE was of assistance in the fight to free these young men; and Father Coughlin deserves the greatest honor for his achievement.

I beg to extend my heartiest congratulations to all for your work in securing their vindication.

Kalamazoo, Mich. — **A.C.L.**

Merwin K. Hart

TO THE EDITOR:

Among the speakers presented in the informal discussion on the radio program "People's Platform" on Saturday, February 22, was Mr. Merwin K. Hart, distinguished head of the New York State Economic Council. The subject for discussion was "Are our school textbooks subversive?"

After proving many a point to show that our children are subject to unAmerican influences through the medium of school textbooks, Mr. Hart was given a raking by one of the other speakers.

This person, of the well known pseudo-liberal type, brought a quotation from one of Mr. Hart's public speeches in which Mr. Hart said in substance that organizations that constantly flaunt the term "democracy" are often nothing less than a Communist front. When reproached for this, Mr. Hart readily admitted the statement and said that he firmly believed that it was a fact. Thus his pinkish opponent was nailed.

Mr. Hart is, I believe, an American patriot of the highest calibre. He is the author of a book on Spain in which he shows that the Nationalist under Franco was simply a true Spaniard defending his country, his home and his honor against the alien internationalists.

The fact that Mr. Hart is a Protestant should prompt us to work for closer harmony between all Christians in opposing the anti-Christian influences that are slowly obliterating the Christian concept.

Louisville, Ky. — **F. McG.**

If They Could Speak

—Chicago Daily Tribune

Youthful Yankee

TO THE EDITOR:

For some time I have wished to write you, but, as another youngster mentioned in a letter, I, too, thought I would have to wait until 21 years of age before I could voice my opinions.

Words fail to express my feelings when I read this wonderful magazine. It fills me with much joy to know that there are still some "Yankees" left in these United States.

Yesterday, we celebrated the birthday of Washington — the leader of the valiant, ragged army that defeated the well-equipped English forces. Unsupported, disobeyed, conspired against, betrayed — still he kept on and freed us from the British oppression.

You read daily in your papers that we can not hope to stand alone without the English support.

So the Yankees are a group of "weaklings" and need the same army that our little ragged band chased back across the ocean to guard us! They think such articles will stir us up but I can assure them that I for one don't agree with them.

May God now in this hour of distress guide our country and all that our forefathers laid down their lives for.

Chicago, Ill. — **C.A.**

Treason Stopped

TO THE EDITOR:

Members of the *Women's Neutrality League* went into action Sunday evening, February 8, at an Open Forum in the auditorium of Public School 214 East 42nd Street.

A Mr. Bunker, a lawyer employed by the law firm of John W. Davis & Co., from the *Union Now* organization was scheduled to speak.

Union Now proposes a federation of the "democracies" of the world. Since we are told that there are but two democracies in the world today. 1, the British Empire and 2, the United States of America, *Union Now* is only the reincarnation of Andrew Carnegie's dream of reunion of Britain and America.

The chairman explained that the speaker would address the audience on *Union Now*, after which he would answer questions. Before Mr. Bunker could take the floor, one of the ladies protested that *Union Now* was not a subject that could be presented to an American audience.

The applause with which this protest was greeted was so loud and sustained that the plea of the chairman to hear Mr. Bunker was drowned.

It appears that *Union Now* is no more popular with Americans today than was reunion in Carnegie's time. Realizing this, Mr. Bunker did not speak on the topic.

— **Women's Neutrality League**
New York City.

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Letters

Service Flag!

TO THE EDITOR:

Sometimes I think that I should give up this unappreciated business of trying to keep America out of war, and enter the manufacture of service flags. In a very short time this should prove to be a very lucrative business. If you don't remember or don't know what a service flag is, I'll tell you.

During the last World War almost every home in America hung one in the front windows to let the draft dodgers know that one or more of the family had entered the armed forces of the country.

If the soldier were alive, when last heard from, the flag bore a single blue star on a field of white. If the hero had died on the field of battle a gold star replaced the blue one.

In addition, the survivors received an insurance check for $10,000 and a nice telegram from the Secretary of War, who sent his sincerest sympathy.

Instead of turning out these service flags by the thousands in both the blue and gold star numbers, I might specialize in a single gigantic gold star banner, the like of which the world has never seen.

For the gold I'd use the tinselled promises of the war-mongers and international bankers.

The red would be derived from the blood of patriots forced into a war not of their choosing.

Then, I know of a lake of purest cobalt blue: It is formed by the tears of all the wives, sweethearts, and mothers.

The white background might be taken from the pinched, chalky faces of those slowly starving from the inhuman blockades of warring nations.

I would sew each stitch with a strand of barbed-wire. To make it flutter, I could use the dying gasps of shattered bodies lying in the muck and ooze of a thousand battlefields.

As this would necessarily be a large flag, I'd need plenty of flagstaff. And what would be better suited to this purpose than the timber of broken homes?

I would dedicate my handiwork to every Unknown Soldier, and, with it, I'd wrap up their dishonored dust.

And, finally, I'd pray that Almighty God will take them into His safe-keeping. The hands of mortal man are not worthy of this charge.

New York City. — J.F.W.

Praise From Priest

TO THE EDITOR:

May I commend your timely expose of the Major Fielding Eliot "expert" myth. Having frequently doubted his competency as a military authority, I am glad to see this inefficient and bungling "expert" debunked. The raving war lords, and their insignificant pups in the press and on the radio, will, however, continue to drink in his mythical revelations.

Your answer (in another issue), to the question: "Who is Lindbergh?" was not quite as effective; the reason being that it is easier to debunk a pretentious faker than to uphold a truly great man in his field. Even though Lindbergh is not strictly a *military* expert, he has rendered a significant service in reminding us of the need of training experts instead of merely knighting them.

Have not the so-called experts got us into the present mess? Only common sense and an improved moral and religious sense of values can get us out of it.

Let us be sure that our "experts" are not merely war-mad partisans, not merely pro-British partisans, for bias can taint even a genuine expert.

May I, likewise, commend your wise and kindly response to the Reverend Editor of the *Catholic Sun*. I would like to add that the glory of the Catholic press does not consist in occasional minor sniping forays, but rather in a consistent and courageous expression of truth in the face of error and a Christ-like defense of morals in the face of threatening chaos.

Christian editors should unite in the apostolate of truth and righteousness, if they wish to continue to hold our respect and to win friends from the readers of other journals.

I hope that SOCIAL JUSTICE may flourish in its unique position and by its continued service to truth and justice, win over even its enemies; for as Bryant writes:

"Truth crushed to Earth will rise again
The eternal years of God are Hers.
But error, wounded, writes in pain
and dies among its worshippers."

— Rev. A.F.K., C.P.P.S.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Perhaps God Is Not 'Afraid' of the British

TO THE EDITOR:

If God is on your side it's because you're right and not because you're an Englishman or even an American.

It's only reasonable to suppose that the Creator has somewhat different ideas about the causes which gave rise to the present internationally chaotic condition and did not wait for the nod from England before He began to figure things out. Both Churchill and Roosevelt will indignantly deny this, however; as they will not deny that God is always on the winning side.

If God always champions the winners, regardless of the justice of their cause, then the English are a sure-shot bet for first money. It may be that God is a little afraid of the British but somehow we consider that debatable in the extreme.

For example . . . how do the English explain the conquest of India, if the conquest of Poland was in such murderous taste? There was also something of an argument in Egypt having to do with some silly idea the Egyptians had about who should run their country.

Declaring at will a moratorium on aggression, after aggression was no longer profitable to the British, was a characteristic gesture.

But, assuming that God also made the Egyptian and the Indians, we strike a snag in mulling over the comparative status of the Indians and the Poles or the Egyptians and the Poles.

Where *did* England get India and Egypt and her African colonies? History has something to say too, concerning the English method of acquisition. If it was according to the much vaunted British "democratic system," history has erred *in not recording a plebiscite in any of Britain's colonies.*

So long as we are Americans we might wonder if the Egyptians would rather be murdered by the English than by the Germans. Or we might ask if India now loves the English for having stood on their respectable necks for long and bloody decades.

You may recall that there was once a group of men who went "all out" for England on an entirely different count. It hasn't been so many years ago either, but, of course, we've most all forgotten. Actually, these men, outdated now, were "horse and buggyish" enough to draw up a silly, old document assuring a scattering of folks then called "Americans," the right to think and live and speak as they wished.

The English didn't think so very much of the idea and these men didn't think such a devil of a lot of the British. They sort of ran out on the deal and by their silly, out-dated, "horse-and-buggyish" document were greatly instrumental in belaboring the throbbing, ruddy posteriors of the dignified English right out of the country by way of the vast, grey-green expanse of the Atlantic.

The Britons were grieved by that drubbing and had little to do with the Americans until the war of 1812 when they tried it again. They took their meals standing for a while after that encounter, too, and were forced to bide their time until the Civil War when they threw in a couple of low punches in the form of aid (real British money) to one of the belligerents in the hope of continuing the war until the country was entirely unable to cope with what the injured England had in store for it.

But the plot somehow fell through and she had to wait until the turn of the century when Germany began building ships (distinctly a British prerogative) to serve her own expanding empire before she bethought herself of a pregnant jot of propaganda dealing with the "salvation" of the democracy she had tried to cut the throat of three times previously.

It worked, too! England came out of it with a greatly enriched colonial empire (we got a note from them . . . remember?) and a rash on against the United States for asking, now that democracy was saved, for a few of the dollars we had shipped to England that the British aristocracy might not have to take a whipping.

So it shouldn't be un-American, only a little cautious, to ask what she plans to do with the rest of the world if we should happen to be so thick as to go in and "take it" for her again.

And, since we have assumed that England is right and she has convinced us that she has always been right, we may ask to what extent she was concerned in the interests of this country during the Revolutionary War.

If she were right then, we had no business fighting her. If she were right in 1812, then we should not have resisted the pirates legitimized by the Crown to run us off every one of the seven seas.

If she were right in interfering in the Civil War, then we have no right to further call ourselves Americans (the slave trade was indeed a luscious plum for the British to drop). If she were right in repudiating her debt to us, after deliberately lying to the American nation regarding her purpose in fighting the first World War, then we had no right to waste the time we have already wasted and *should be in there pitching right now to further the interests of the British Empire.*

This time we may be able to "save" democracy to the extent of taking a quick slice off what we remember of it.

This time the English are right — democracy *is* threatened. But only if we go to war.

— J.M.C.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Communism Next?

TO THE EDITOR:

As soon as the dictatorship bill is passed shall we have a Communist government ruling 130-million American people?

Must we stand idly by and permit those anti-Christians to rob us of schools, churches, our children and everything else dear to our people inherited through the years from our Fathers?

What a hellish mess we are making of our lives and our country! Our sons are already being taken from us to pave the way for Stalin—4,500,000 American boys are to be murdered — 4-million bandages have been ordered to be ready by April and the fathers and mothers of these victims must stand helplessly by and watch the New Deal war-mongers send them off to slaughter — as so much cattle.

What heartaches await the people of these United States at the hands of the war makers.

— O.C.C.

New York City.

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Comment

Bishop Duffy

THE MOST Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo, in a "Call to Youth" broadcast under auspices of the National Council of Catholic Women, recently, said:

"Peace belongs to men of good will. Cultivate this good will and a fine sense of justice towards all. Is this too much to ask? I grant you it will challenge all the enthusiasm and hardihood of your youth; that, in the effort, you will often falter and fall, as others have done before you. Men, also, are but humans, after all.

"None the less is the effort deserving of the best you have to give. For the standard bearers of the future must be sure and strong: sure in their faith in God and in the principle against every devastating foe.

"Some will tell you that individualism is the philosophy that has made America great. Believe them not. Individualism takes no thought of another. Its creed is, 'every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost.' It is the arch-saboteur of the American spirit, the spirit of human rights and human values. Without this spirit, our country surely dies."

His Excellency said, "others will demand the subservience of human conscience and human will to a soulless society that shall fit them to its purpose, as cogs in a vast machine," while "many will point to physical and mental inequalities among men to scoff at man's intrinsic spiritual right to equality."

"These, and other subtle foes, daily lie in wait, seeking to bomb our intelligence and to mine our will, knowing that, with our surrender our standard fails," he added. "Prepare yourselves now to meet their challenge; to stand firm in your own principles, come what may. Change is inevitable. It blows away the chaff of man's making. But that remains which holds to the unchanging Good — God — and flows from His justice and love."

Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien

A GUN is being pointed at the heart of American democracy and at the hearts of millions of American boys, "with the hair-trigger held by unsteady fingers," was the warning sounded by the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, professor in the Graduate School of the University of Notre Dame, at a mass meeting sponsored by the Thomas Aquinas Council of the Knights of Columbus, at Mercy High School auditorium in Chicago recently.

Speaking on the subject, *"Peace or War for America?"* Father O'Brien pleaded for the washing away of all partisanship and the forming of *a united front by the plain citizens of every political and religious creed* to halt the drift toward war.

"The nation which appeals to mass slaughter to solve its problems," he reiterated, "makes an open confession of the bankruptcy of its statesmanship. It goes back to the methods of the cave man and seeks to prove by violence and terror that justice is on its side. The attempt is foredoomed to failure.

"Will humanity ever learn the elementary truth that might can never decide a question of right?

"War proves merely that one nation has more cannon fodder and more instruments of destruction than another. It *proves nothing about the question of right and justice over which every war is allegedly fought.*

"Rulers who lose their heads and, yielding to impatience, plunge their people into the flames of war, set back the hands on the clock of progress and sentence humanity to another Calvary.

"How long will the common people stand for this monumental foolishness?

"How long will they allow statesmen to hide their failures in diplomacy by the crucifixion of the masses?

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"Before the election," continued Dr. O'Brien, "we were given the solemn assurance that *we would not be led into a foreign war.* Now we are told that we must *underwrite a smashing British victory.* This can be achieved, if achieved at all, only by an American Army invading Europe, and conquering Germany, Italy and their allies on the continent and Japan in the Orient.

"This means the impoverishment of America, the destruction of our civilization and the maiming and killing of millions of American boys in Europe, Asia and Africa.

"For what? Britain refuses to disclose her war aims. No American knows the objectives of the foreign nation for which our sons may be ordered to fight and die.

"It is an aspersion on the American people to say that we can find our safety only by cowering behind the skirts of the British navy," the priest charged.

"We have ample resources to build an impregnable defense if we will use them for that purpose instead of sending them abroad.

"Because the American people regard British imperialism as a lesser evil than Hitlerism, we are willing to help Britain, within the wise limits of the *Neutrality Law* and of the *Johnson Act.* But it is high time to serve notice that America is not a British colony which is to be milked dry and bled white every twenty-five years, to perpetuate Britain's strangle-hold on one-fifth of the earth's surface.

"That is not only elementary loyalty to America but it is elementary common sense."

Father O'Brien urged that the Knights of Columbus throughout the nation, acting neither as Republicans nor Democrats but as followers of the Prince of Peace, deluge the President and Congress with a million telegrams to initiate a conference for peace and to keep America from the flames of Europe's war.

Congress, he said, will not dare to defy the people's will.

Hitler's Responsibility

SUMNER WELLES, Undersecretary of State, says responsibility for the welfare of any conquered people lies with their conqueror.

Arguing from this that the responsibility for feeding millions, who will starve without our surplusses, is not our concern, the *Philadelphia Record* says:

"Europe is engaged in war. It is not a game. It is not a situation in which any nation does precisely what it wishes to do. There is no free and easy choice.

"This struggle is a terrible showdown between two ways of life; between, in Hitler's words, 'two worlds.' Our world and his world.

"Victory in that struggle is the one immediate concern, and any act, however well-intentioned, which would gamble away democracy's chance is an act this nation dare not perform.

If America is to feed any war-torn nation," the *Record* argues, "that nation should be England —

"Our duty is to arm and feed Britain first.

"Feeding Europe is Hitler's."

Who Are the Critics?

THE CASE of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, observes the *Southern Cross,* "brings up a question which is of considerable practical importance to every American citizen.

"Because he disagrees with the national Administration on the probable outcome of the war and on the part which the United States should play in it, various epithets, ranging from "appeaser" to "pro-Nazi," have been hurled at him. A smear campaign, comparable to that of which his father was a victim during the last war, is in full swing on the radio and in the press.

"As editor of a Catholic paper we are not concerned with the correctness of Colonel Lindbergh's views and predictions," the editorial says, "but we are vitally concerned with his right to express them. He is an acknowledged authority on aviation and the country has a right to know his views on the subject.

"But the objection is raised that disagreement with the Administration in the present national emergency is tantamount to disloyalty or treason.

"National unity, we are told, demands that all differences of opinion be concealed.

"What is a Catholic to think of this argument? It is utterly undemocratic and unchristian. It is true that once a nation is involved in a just war, the average citizen is bound to refrain from criticizing the conduct of the war. He knows little of military strategy or tactics and what appears to him a blunder may, in reality, be a stroke of genius. He can safely and with a clear conscience leave such criticism to future historians.

"But so far, thank God, we are not involved in war and hence the exigencies of war-time unity do not press upon us. In Germany and Russia unity is compelled by force or fear but we still claim to be a democracy.

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"Patriotism is a Christian virtue and the loyalty which it enjoins on us must be the loyalty of free, intelligent men. So, far from compelling uniformity of thought in regard to all national questions, it forbids such a uniformity.

"Our political democracy is based on the Christian belief in human dignity and human freedom. The tactics of the *Ogpu* and the *Gestapo* deny all freedom and refuse to admit the rights of human dignity. The unity which they have produced is that of the concentration camp and the grave.

"If our free institutions are to survive, we must never forget their Christian foundation. When men cease to believe in God they soon cease to believe in the freedom of the sons of God.

"It is highly significant that many of those engaged in the smear campaign against Colonel Lindbergh have in the past distinguished themselves by their anti-Christian teaching, by their advocacy of a religion without God and of a morality without commandments."

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Comment

A Bit of History

THE RELUCTANCE of the Irish, and of Americans of Irish descent, to rally to the cause of the British Empire is easily understandable by anyone at all familiar with history.

British statesmen and American Anglophiles prate of the "glorious" achievements of the empire, and include among Britain's virtues her fundamental "righteousness."

Thinking Americans, who have read of the American Revolution, appreciate the "righteousness" which forced the Colonies to rebel.

Irishmen, furthermore, are familiar with British "righteousness" at first hand. For hundreds of years, up to the present moment, the Irish have been starved, shot, hanged, and otherwise persecuted by the disseminators of British "justice."

Thus, Irishmen find it difficult now to whitewash the black history of Britain's relations to their mother country.

In the current propaganda designed to fan war flames in America, the British Empire is represented as a bulwark of Christendom and Democracy, fighting for its life and ours against the bestial, pagan Nazis and Fascists.

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Well, let's take a peek at history and see how the Holy British treated Catholic Ireland.

The following is quoted from *The Standard,* an Irish Catholic newspaper published in Dublin:

"By 1650 Ireland's armies were no more. Cromwell had struck a deathblow to the old aristocratic Irish State . . . The stage was set for the most poignant scene in the long tragedy that is Irish history.

"Ireland was swarming with starving orphans and with destitute widows. Their bread-winners were either exiled or dead. The English colonists determined *to get rid of this Irish 'vermin.'* Slave hunts were to be the last stage in the Cromwellian 'clean-up.'

"At that time there was a dearth of labor in the sugar plantations of America. Cromwell determined to send a plentiful supply of Irish slaves thither. A business-company, 'Messrs. Gellick and Yoeman,' was formed in Bristol to monopolize the remunerative traffic in Irish flesh.

"The English officers in Ireland became agents and exporters for this company. The private soldiers were ready to augment their scanty income by taking part in the slave-hunts, which developed into a profitable and sportive occupation — like the 'priest-hunts' of later years.

"In the bitter Winter of 1650 the English hirelings swooped down on the defenseless Irish homesteads. Innocent Irish lads and lassies were torn from their mothers' clinging arms, and herded together at cross-roads by Cromwell's minions. The poor people were nearly all taken unawares, but many of them fled to the bogs and hills. Bloodhounds were used to retrieve the refugees. At last when a sufficient number of poor wretches was gathered the drive to the seaports began.

"In the height of a bitter Winter those starving, half-naked creatures were driven through a land desolated by nine years of war and pestilence. What a woeful procession! Loose-limbed youths of the noblest blood in Europe, cringing under the stinging lash, wilting under brutal insults, straying, tripping, falling, dragging lacerated feet through mud and snow, passing burned mansions and charred villages, on the long, sad journey to Cork or Dublin or Galway.

"From the seaports the survivors were exported to Bristol, which was the great center of the slave traffic. There they were marketed. On the auction day they were stripped and exposed to the vulgar gaze of the mob. Likely buyers pawed and insulted them.

"Their teeth and physique were carefully examined. They had to go through their paces like horses at an Irish fair. All the time the whip sang and the insults lasted. The blood drawn by the whip mingled with the blush of shame on many an Irish maiden's countenance.

"'Sold!' rang out.

"Fresh horrors awaited those trembling Irish slaves. They were forced into the stinking hulls of rotten ships, to mingle with the scum of English towns and the well-nourished rats, in one fetid insanitary conglomeration. Weeks and weeks crept slowly on until America was reached. Thousands succumbed to insanitary conditions and hunger on board. Their bones mingle with the bones of the later-day famine emigrants on the Atlantic floor.

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" 'Nor night nor day no rest.'

"The coming of the Irish Papists must have created a stir in the colonies. Women and men were chained ankle to ankle with the negro slaves and side-by-side they grunted and cursed and suffered, partners in misery. The sun blistered; the lash cut; the mosquito stung. Malaria claimed thousands of Irish slaves . . .

"For fifty long years the nefarious traffic in Irish blood went on!

"Gaelic became the slaves' vernacular!

"For a hundred years Irish was the national language in Monserrat and in the Barbadoes! In 1870, Abbe Thebaud met many old negroes who spoke and understood no other language.

"Cold history verifies our statements," the *Standard* concludes. "Petty admits he sent 10,000 Irish boys and girls to the Virginian sugar gardens in one decade alone. The letters of Cromwell and Ireton bear ample testimony of the terrible truth. It is conservatively estimated that over 30,000 Gaels perished as slaves in the Virginian sugar plantations in half a century . . ."

That is just one chapter of "glorious" Empire history.

Another was the Potato Famine of 1848, when the British destroyed by starvation 50 per cent of the Irish population.

In our own time was "the trouble" of 1916 when British soldiers mowed down the Irish for daring to resist continued British tyranny in their — not Britain's — country.

And now, America — herself a rebellious Colony of the Crown — is about to repent of her independence and return to dominion status within the British Empire!

Or are we?

Irish Assert Loyalty

REPRESENTATIVES of the United Irish Societies of Pittsburgh, Pa., at a meeting at the Fort Pitt hotel, recently adopted, by unanimous vote, a resolution affirming their allegiance to the United States of America, and denouncing as un-American the propaganda that Great Britain is our country's "first line of defense."

The resolution also implored Congress to retain its constitutional powers; denounced the proposed seizure of Irish ports by the British; and urged the United States to avoid involvement in the European war.

"George Washington, the first President of the United States, counseled the Thirteen Colonies to beware of foreign entanglements and European wars," the resolution said. "We extend the same counsel to the President of the United States today and ask him to concur in the actions of his predecessor."

Present at the meeting were representatives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, th Knights of Equity, the All-Ireland Athletic Club, the *Clan-na-gael* and the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic.

Birth Control for Defense!

THE New York chapter of the National Committee for Planned Parenthood has embarked on a birth control campaign— *to promote "national defense"!*

Announcing that contributions of $81,450 already had been received, Mrs. Henry C. Taylor, chairman of the New York group, revealed that $25,000 of that total had been donated by the famed Rosenwald family, including Mrs. David Levy, William Rosenwald, Edgar B. Stern, and Mrs. Max Ascoli.

Among other contributors were Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Edward S. Harkness, Mrs. Walter Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell Iselin, Mrs. Harry McClintock, Jr., Paul Block, Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Levy Mrs. Isidore Straus, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Rumbough, and Ernest May.

According to the *New York Times,* a campaign pamphlet distributed by the committee stressed that more than half the children born in the United States came from the "poorest third" of the nation, with the consequence that poverty and sickness were increased.

To combat this condition the committee favors issuance of contraceptives to indigent persons.

This committee of well-meaning Americans misunderstands the social problem they seek to remedy.

Certainly, the solution does not lie in "plowing under" people and curbing an already declining birth-rate — a national peril in itself.

On the other hand the solution lies in discontinuing the economic exploitation that creates the poverty — *by the very industries which enriched many of these individuals!*

Discontinue the exploitation and raise the poor to an economic position which permits the rearing of a normal family.

If this committee of sentimentalists sincerely desires to further national defense, let its members stop their silly enthusiasm for "union now" and similar "causes," and spend some small portion of their thousands to promote an overhauling of this country's dishonest money system, a solution of the problem of unnecessary unemployment and the institution of a living annual wage for workers.

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There Is No Glory in War

SLOGAN-MAKERS are working overtime to condition the American people for war.

The planners are so far ahead of public opinion — *which, confidentially, they fear more than they will admit* — that they are impatient to bring the people's war enthusiasm abreast of the fateful commitments that they have already secretly made.

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First, we heard the innocent phrase, *"All aid short of war."*

That was the old White Committee slogan.

We heard it a lot during the late presidential campaign. Mr. Wendell Willkie would probably dismiss it now as "just a bit of campaign oratory."

Then, suddenly, we heard no more of this dishonest and tricky phrase.

It was replaced by the franker *"All-out Aid for Britain."*

This meant giving our resources and wealth to aid the last-ditch defense of the British Empire — even to the extent of stripping our own essential defenses!

The *Wall Street Journal* predicts that a new phrase will soon replace the others: *"We must win the war!"*

Note Vice President Wallace's trial balloon, the *Journal* says: "Democracy must be *'more willing than the Nazis to sacrifice our goods, our time, and if need be, our lives.'*"

Thus, step-by-step the slogan-makers are leading a laggard public opinion inevitably towards war.

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For the consideration of the "sloganeers" we print herewith another slogan:

"There Is No Glory in War."

It is suggested by the title of a comment in the *Catholic Herald* of New Orleans, Louisiana.

How, asks the editorial, "can injustices of gray-haired statesmen, the hypocrisy of diplomats, the greed of slick politicians, and the habitual over-reaching of unscrupulous capitalists . . . be ironed out by a battalion of youthful soldiers, whose brows are innocent of all these crimes?

"Why should the 20-year old youngsters kill one another in furious war, which they have neither promoted, nor caused; even more, a war whose very cause is obscured, whose aim is hidden behind a thousand masks?

"There is no glory in war.

"When the powerful ones seated in high places fail in their duties to such an extent that there is left no more room for peaceful negotiations, then the youth of nations is asked to step into a firing line, and to settle the differences.

"Whether this war is won or lost by the group you have been given to understand is a just group, there will soon again follow another war.

"Even the young people of today have seen two wars fought in their lifetime: yes, two world wars! If the sword is to decide who is right, and who is wrong, there will be yet a third, in our own generation.

"Wars settle nothing. Wars only breed future conflicts.

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"Families with fathers and brothers in graves, in insane asylums from shell-shock, and in hospital wards for life — these are the ravages of armed warfare.

"How long will a civilized and Christian society continue in this carnage?

"Not war, but peace; not the defeat of a particular group, but justice for all; that should be the goal.

"How can we attain to this? One thing is certain; never can the feat be achieved by armed-conflict.

"Too many wars already fought have proved the futility of the armed plan.

"How then? By Reason! The pen is mightier than the sword.

"The application of sound reason, fair withal, unprejudiced, willing to concede, willing to share, willing to negotiate, always kept untrammelled, and balanced, by remembering that precept of Christ:

" *'And as thou wouldst that others should do unto you, do ye also to them.'*

"Yes, such a mind will achieve and accomplish what neither sword, nor shrapnel, tank nor machine-gun, dive-bomber, nor submarine has ever achieved, or ever will achieve."

80-Million Americans on 5-Cent Meals: Three Bills Would Attempt Money Reform

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